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### TO OPPOSE CHIANG.

#### Nationalist Commanders in Hunan.

#### A NAVAL DESPATCH.

#### Ally of Canton Government to Attack at Nanking.

#### LI CHAI-SUM SUPPORTS PEI CHUNG-HSI WITH MUNITIONS.

Predictions in the "China Mail" that the Nationalist commanders in Hunan province are ready to oppose Chiang Kai-shek are supported by a Naval despatch hinting at the possibility of an ally of the Canton Government wheeling east to attack the Nationalist Government at Nanking.

From Canton it is learned that supplies and munitions will be sent to General Pei Chung-hsi (a colleague of Li Chai-sum) to further his campaign. The Swabue Reds are extending their scope meanwhile.

While the "Christian General" lays claim to captures of Peking's men and material, a report comes through to the effect that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is to counter-attack. Another Peking General makes an unusual declaration on the occasion of his father's birthday.

#### CLAIM BY FENG.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Rumours are that the quarrel between the Nationalist Central Government at Nanking (dominated by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek) and the Nationalist Generals who went to Wu-Han and are now fighting in Hunan province, is becoming more pronounced.

It is also rumoured that after the Wu-Han Nationalists have suppressed the Hunanese army which stand between them and Kwangtung, General Pei Chung-hsi may turn east again and threaten Chiang Kai-shek's supporters. The result of such action would render Chiang Kai-shek's position critical, especially as some of his commanders are showing signs of disloyalty.—British Naval Wireless.

#### The Significance.

(Note: General Pei Chung-hsi is one of the big four of the Kwangsi military group (which is now in power at Canton) and a colleague of General Li Chai-sum of Canton. He set out some time ago to conquer Hunan in co-operation with other Nationalist Generals. The fact that he and his allies may quarrel with Chiang Kai-shek was predicted in the "China Mail" early this week.)

#### COUNTER-ATTACK?

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and Hsuehchowfu.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
The Nanking Council of War



Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, considered by some to be the only Northern commander capable of fighting, new reported as about to counter-attack.

has been advised that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang of the Peking Army will take advantage of Nationalist unpreparedness and attack Hsuehchowfu in the north

of Kiangsu province. — "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

#### General's Father's Birthday.

Shanghai, Yesterday.  
General Chang Tsung-chang of the Peking Army announces that on the occasion of his father's birthday celebrations, he will only receive presents in the shape of war supplies and fighting implements, but no valuables will be received. — "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

#### CANTON ITEMS.

#### Li Chai-sum to Help Wu-Han Army.

Canton believes that the Hunanese army is still about 7,000 strong and that General Pei Chung-hsi, the colleague of General Li Chai-sum of Canton, will need help. Accordingly, it has been decided to send supplies and munitions to General Pei Chung-hsi.

The present Cadets at Whampoa Academy—whose predecessors achieved fame in the war—are divided in a quarrel as to whether Li Chai-sum of Canton should be supported or Chiang Kai-shek of Nanking.

The Swabue Reds are reported to have extended their influence inland towards the East River basin, as no Canton Government troops can be spared for operations against them.

#### A Month's Siege.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") reports the capture of Tsaochow by the Kuomintang yesterday after a month's siege. He says that 4,000 pro-Peking troops, 3,000 rifles and 20 guns were captured, also General Chiang Ming-yui of the Peking Army.—Reuter.

#### AGAINST THE NORTH.

#### Nanking Nationalists' Orders To Forces.

The 34th meeting of the Government Council of the Nationalist Government was held at Nanking.

The following resolutions were adopted:—(1) That the following orders concerning the northern punitive expedition be proclaimed to the entire northern expeditionary armies:

(a) That all armies engaged in the northern punitive expedition be placed under the absolute command and direction of Commander-in-Chief Chiang Kai-shek;

(b) That the military strength of the northern expedition be represented by the entire fighting forces of the Nationalist Revolutionary Army, the Allied Forces

### CANADA'S STATUS.

#### Prime Minister On Relations.

#### PAN-AMERICAN UNION.

Will Dominion Become A Member?

Ottawa, Yesterday.  
The Prime Minister, justifying the Japanese-Canadian exchange of Ministers, remarked that Dominion trade with the Orient was steadily growing. Political responsibilities and other relations were increasing.

The Canadian trade commissioner had not possessed the right or authority to approach foreign Governments or Ministers and had repeatedly appealed for higher status as a help to negotiations for larger trade.

The Prime Minister pointed out the difficulties of Or mital problems and said that he believed Canada could be helpful in this direction. He strongly deprecated the conservative convention resolution in favour of Oriental exclusion "which offended Japanese susceptibilities and unnecessarily complicated the problem of restricting Oriental settlement in Canada." He believed that admixture of races was most undesirable but restrictive measures were best secured through friendly negotiation between the Governments concerned.—Reuter.

#### For Whole of Asia.

An earlier Reuter message read:—

The Prime Minister, replying to Mr. Bennett's criticisms, cabled yesterday, justified the appointment of plenipotentiaries to France and Japan which was in accordance with the principles of the Imperial Conference; but he added: "The last thing that I should like to see would be a Minister of the Crown residing outside of Canada and in a position to commit this Government to certain policies." The plenipotentiary at Tokyo would act in a measure for the whole of the Asiatic continent.

#### South America's Views.

New York, Yesterday.  
The question of Canada's joining the Pan-American Union continues to be the topic of conversation at Havana (Cuba). Although Canada has done nothing to indicate she has any thought of taking the initiative in this connection, a "Herald Tribune" telegram speaks of the curious development which may result from Canada's becoming a full member of the Union. It says the suggestion has been made unofficially by Latin-Americans that if the Ottawa Government would send a diplomatic representative to Chile, Argentina and Brazil, as similar to Washington, she will very speedily be admitted into the Union.—Reuter's American Service.

#### THE PEAK TRAM.

Improvements in connection with the operation of the Peak Tramway have recently been put in hand.

The new signalling apparatus, to be seen above the cars, connecting to an overhead wire enables more effective communication to be maintained between the driver and engine room at all stages of the journey. This has been in operation for a week or so, and has given every satisfaction. It is understood. Work is also in hand on straightening the rather sharp curve on the double-track change above May Road. For this purpose new rails are being laid down and the signal box is being removed to the junction of the points which will necessarily be lower down when the improvement is effected. The change to the new rails, it is understood, will be done at night and there will be no interruption in the service.

#### DOUBLE-TRACK CHANGE TO BE STRAIGHTENED.

NEW SIGNAL APPARATUS.

H.K. HOTEL DINNER-DANCE.  
The Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel is reserved to-morrow, so the special dinner dance will be held in the Grill Room, first floor.

of the Nationalist Army, the Northern Revolutionary Army, and the Nationalist Navy.

(c) That the supply of ammunition and all other war materials be procured in accordance with the regular procedure heretofore

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### "DON'T WORRY"

#### Mr. W. C. Bridgeman On Geneva Conference.

#### PRESERVATION OF PEACE.

America's Every Right to Build.

London, Yesterday.  
Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at Whitechurch after justifying the British policy at the Geneva Naval Conference, declared:



The Rt. Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty.

There is no need to get excited, worried or annoyed over the American naval programme. The United States had a perfect right, subject to the Washington Convention, to build whatever fleet she thinks is necessary for her own defence. "Whether that is for limitation of armaments or

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not, is another question. "It is inconceivable that either America or Britain intends aggressive, warlike ideas these days. Let both continue with what they consider is necessary for their own needs and "hope that if they build a larger navy, it will be as great a factor for the preservation of the peace of the world as the British Navy has been."—Reuter.

### WANTED BY CANTON.

#### SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST FUGITIVES.

At the Central Magistracy this morning extradition proceedings were started before Mr. R. E. Lindell against two Chinese named Un Kin and Un Fat who are wanted by the Canton authorities for alleged kidnapping and attempted murder in Song Yuen village, Tung-kun district.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, whilst the alleged fugitives were represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ. At the opening of the case it was stated that the requisition from Canton stated the charges against the fugitives as kidnapping and murder, and in view of the fact that the man who was supposed to be murdered was in Hong Kong, to give evidence against the fugitives, the requisition has been referred back to Canton to be amended, and in the circumstances, Mr. Whyte-Smith asked for a remand pending requisition.

Argument followed on his. Mr. Whyte-Smith and Mr. Russ expressed the opinion that the case could not proceed without the requisition.

Mr. Lindell referred to the recent Canton Official case in which the case was opened without the requisition. Eventually, it was discovered that the charges were correctly made out as kidnapping and attempted murder in the provisional warrant issued by H.K. Governor and Mr. Lindell decided that they could safely proceed on that provisional warrant without prejudice to either side.

Mr. Whyte-Smith then called evidence.

#### Farmer's Story.

On Hui-sau, a farmer and business man in Song Yuen village was called. He said that since June last year he had been Commander of the Village Volunteers, being

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#### MOTOR SPEED PRIZE.

Magnificent Offer For New Records.

London, Yesterday.  
It is announced that the International Association has been re-commissioned by the Automobile Clubs as the governing body of international motor sport. It has accepted the offer of a thousand guineas to be won by the first driver of any nation who beats the existing world speed record of 203 miles an hour, held by Major Scragrave of Britain. The successful driver will also be paid £1,000 yearly as long as his record is unbeaten and up to the end of 1930. The trophy will remain the property of the International Association, to be held during the existence of the record by an official of the Automobile Club of the winner's country, the winner himself to receive an engraved replica.—Reuter.

#### Attempt Shortly.

This offer, says the wireless from Rugby, gives additional interest to the forthcoming attempts to break the world's record at Daytona Beach, Florida, for which Captain Malcolm Campbell, with his car "Bluebird," left Southampton yesterday.

The volunteers were organized for the protection of the village against bandits, and also to maintain peace and order in the village. They had powers of arrest. Of the 19 volunteers, 16 were known as "village braves," two were assistant Commanders and one the accountant.

The two fugitives were born in the village and the witness had known them all their lives. Until five years ago the fugitives lived in the village, when they were constantly coming and going.

On June 18 last someone in the village was kidnapped and held to ransom. The Village Volunteer Bureau received a certain report against the two fugitives whose arrest was asked for. The volunteers went after the fugitives, but they managed to escape.

Fired Several Rounds.  
About a fortnight later, on June 28, the witness was on his way from his home to the Volunteer Bureau when suddenly the two fugitives and another man rushed out of a lane behind him. The witness heard the "click" of Mauser pistols being fitted into their stocks and looked round. All three men leveled their pistol at him and fired several rounds. The witness was hit by four bullets one in the forehead, two in the neck just below the throat and one in the right shoulder.

The Magistrate remarked that the witness had had an amazing escape.

The witness ran a few paces, calling out "Save life" and then he collapsed. When he ran the three men continued to fire at him. They ceased fire when he collapsed, thinking he was dead. The witness did not see his assailants escape as he was nearly unconscious. The last thing he knew was that other villagers were coming to his assistance.

#### Ricefield Tax.

On September 20, the witness proceeded, he came to Hong Kong and from a row of men he picked out the two fugitives without any hesitation. By Mr. Russ: It was not true that when the witness became Commander he levied a tax for his own pocket of \$5 on each acre of rice field. A man named Un Chi, a clansman of the fugitives was shot by the authorities and not by the witness because he had refused to pay the tax.

In the course of further cross-examination, the witness said that on August 17 the regular soldiers raided the village for bandits and he conducted them. It was not true that in this raid 800 people were rounded up. Only four men were arrested as bandits and executed. Another four were killed by the soldiers in an exchange of shots with the bandits. It was not true that those men were shot because they had refused to pay the tax to him. The witness also stated that he did not get \$500—compensation which he was wounded. Only his medical expenses were defrayed by subscriptions raised by the village elders.

During the military raid several bandit houses were burned down, including two belonging to the second fugitive.

The case was adjourned.

### RELIEF WORK.

#### Benevolent Society's Record.

#### MORE MEMBERS NEEDED.

Mr. Sutherland's Appeal & Thanks To Lady Workers.

Mr. R. Sutherland, in the course of his address as Chairman of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society's thirty-eighth annual meeting this morning at the City Hall, appealed to the public for greater interest and membership and thanked the ladies who had done so much unselfish work during past years.

Mr. Sutherland was supported by Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Shell-shear and Mrs. Nisbet, and there was present a representative gathering of members including Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

After the report and speech, as recorded below, Sir Henry Pollock recalled that he was present at the meeting in 1889 when the Society was first founded. It had gone on from strength to strength and the report they had heard that morning was, he thought, one of the best he had ever listened to. He heartily endorsed the appeal of the Chairman to the public to come forward and join the Society as subscribers.

In the course of the meeting, the Chairman indicated that the following ladies had consented to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year: Mrs. Nisbet, Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Cock, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Featherstone, Mrs. Southorn, Mrs. Weall, Mrs. Innis, Miss Drury, Mrs. Wodehouse, Mrs. G. Murray, Mrs. Shellshear, and Mrs. Tracy.

#### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Sutherland's address was as follows:—

I should like to thank you for asking me to preside here to-day. The annual report and accounts for the year 1927 are already in your hands, the first mentioned reading as follows:—

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee's report for the year stated that owing to the trade depression in the Colony during the past year the Society has had an abnormal number of calls upon its resources. 66 applications have been made for relief; embracing in all 128 men, women and children. After due investigation, 57 applicants were granted relief; 43 being new cases, the remainder being found unworthy or were dealt with by kindred Societies.

The total number of persons who have actually received benefit from the Society is 128; this is exclusive of the number of children put to school by the Society. In nearly every case clothing has been provided by the Society. 30 cases have been assisted financially with sums ranging from 20 cents to \$420.00. 18 have been found employment and advertisements have been inserted in the local newspapers for those unemployed who are unable to afford to advertise for themselves. Two passages were secured to England. Landing money has been given in several other cases.

#### Education Work.

During the past year, at a cost of approximately \$2,989.00, 18 children have been supported at different schools. The Society is greatly indebted to Directors of the following schools, who have made this possible by accepting reduced fees:—Diocesan Boys' School, Diocesan Girls' School, Italian Convent and St. Joseph's College. Each year the children are visited by two members of the Committee. Many of these children are of mixed parentage.

Five regular monthly allowances are being given at the present time. One Government grant-in-aid has been secured through the representation of the Society.

The Hon. Secretary and one or more of the Committee attend the City Hall on Mondays and Thursdays at 1 o'clock to interview applicants and to receive gifts of clothing, etc.; the great asset these gifts are to the work of the Society cannot be sufficiently emphasised.

The Society has a furnished room in Kowloon to which married couples or women and children can be sent in urgent cases; meals can be supplied when necessary.

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### FRANCE AND U.S.A.

#### Arbitration Pact To Be Signed.

#### WASHINGTON CEREMONY.

War Denounced as Instrument of National Policy.

Paris, Yesterday.  
The American Ambassador has announced that the Franco-American arbitration pact has been established and will be signed at Washington on February 6, the anniversary of the first similar pact signed in 1778.

By a preamble to the new Franco-American treaty the parties renounce war as an instrument of national policy; meanwhile the proposal of a multilateral peace pact has been temporarily shelved.—Reuter.

assisted have been British (including Australian and South African), American, Dutch, Eurasian, Russian, Filipino, Spanish, Greek, Latvian, Indian, Norwegian and Swedish.

The thanks of the Committee are accorded to the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. R. Sutherland, M.C.I., Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Consul-General for the Netherlands, Dr. de Castro Basto and Capt. Baylis, Hon. Secretary, G.O.C., also in very special measure to the Trustees of the City Hall for the use over a long period of years of a room in that building.

The Committee appreciates the ready co-operation of the following Societies in relieving cases of distress from time to time. General Charities Organisation, St. Andrew's Society British Legion, St. George's Society, St. Vincent de Paul, Y.M.C.A., Missions to Seamen.

The Society is grateful to the Colonial Government for its annual grant-in-aid and for the grant of a passage to Shanghai. Also to the Government Civil, the Matilda, the Italian Hospitals and bodies for their kind assistance.

The gifts of clothing, toys, blankets, etc., sent to the City Hall and the loan of cars to and from hospitals and schools are much appreciated. The gift, by an anonymous donor, of a typewriter enabled a young girl to practice typing at home thereby assisting her to obtain a secretarial post.

#### Mistaken Charity.

The Committee would like to warn Residents of the Colony against giving money to seemingly distressed cases without first making enquiries of the Hon. Secretary or a member of the Committee, as this frequently leads to fraud and overlapping.

The work of the Society has benefited considerably, and will benefit, more in the future, by the help of the newly formed General Charities Organisation, of which the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolf, C.M.G., is Chairman, Mr. Gubbay Hon. Treasurer and Capt. Baylis Hon. Secretary and towards the maintenance of which the H.K.B.S. subscribes \$100 a year.

In conclusion, Mr. Sutherland quoted typical cases relieved by the Society and stated:—During the year the Committee has kept in close touch with the Society St. Vincent de Paul and with the Jewish Benevolent Society. By this means, and with the help of the Police and the G.C.O. overlapping has become almost an impossibility. In conclusion the Society begs to remind its subscribers that the political crisis in China is by no means over. Unemployment with its attendant evils is bound to increase, for a time at all events. Monetary help (best given by joining the Society), gifts of clothing, bedding, furniture, toys, etc., are urgently requested, and, above all, assistance in obtaining employment for deserving applicants of both sexes.

#### SPEECH CONTINUED.

Continuing with his address, Mr. Sutherland said:—

Turning to the accounts before you, it will be seen that the sum of \$346.95 was carried forward from last year, that about \$3,800 was disbursed in charitable assistance and after having placed the moderate sum of \$500 on fixed deposit, a balance of only \$179.80 remains to be carried forward to 1928.

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#### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

#### REMINDER.

ENTRIES CLOSE on SATURDAY NEXT, 4th February, at NOON. Hong Kong, 1st February, 1928.

### NAVY LEAGUE (Hong Kong Branch.)

The Annual General Meeting of the Navy League will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 5.30 p.m. in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) All members are cordially invited to attend.

L. M. WHYTE Hon. Secretary Hong Kong, February 1st, 1928

### HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 16th February.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day, for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only. Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

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C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD., General Managers. Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1928 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st February to FRIDAY, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hong Kong, 25th January, 1928.

### THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the salary sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 23rd January, 1927:—"That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 6th February, 1928 to THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, F. H. GRAPNELL, Secretary. Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

## ST. ANDREW'S CLUB.

## ANNUAL MEETING: NEXT MARATHON.

Officers were re-elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting yesterday of St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Club when the past year's activities were reviewed and a satisfactory financial position was indicated. It was agreed to run the annual Kowloon Marathon race over the same course on March 5. A board bearing the names of the champions is to be placed in the Church Hall together with the respective times. The work of those who had given up their time to the entertainment of members of the Services was commented on and thanks expressed by the Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar, who presided over the meeting. It was agreed to hold a social on Friday, March 3.

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## RESTLESS AGE.

### PEOPLE CANNOT AMUSE THEMSELVES.

#### THE REASON WHY.

There are many things which make us regard Christmas as the outstanding holiday of the year (writes John Blunt) but there is one point about it which is often overlooked but which seems to me one of its most delightful features. And that point is that Christmas Day is the one holiday of the year on which we practically all know beforehand precisely what we are going to do.

Even the most restless person, the kind of person who cannot stay alone with a book for an afternoon but must wander about, however aimlessly, surrenders himself on Christmas Day to a feeling of rest. I do not necessarily mean outward rest, but to that inner kind of rest which comes from having a definite programme.

A Problem of Leisure. And that is an excellent thing, for it seems to me that an increasing number of people do not really know what to do with their leisure. This may sound strange, considering that the opportunities for recreation and amusement of all kinds are constantly growing, but I am not at all sure that the restlessness of this age is not mainly due to the very fact that people through force of circumstance, have largely lost the art of amusing themselves.

They are so accustomed to being catered for and to finding happiness in crowds that they dread being left alone and having to devise their own pleasures. They are always looking for excitement and variety, and thus they have lost the art of sitting quietly at home and finding enjoyment of their own making.

Endearing Routine. But nobody feels this vague restlessness at Christmas, because everybody's Christmas Day is mapped out beforehand. Indeed, the routine of Christmas, with all its different conventions, is one of the things which endears it most to us all and sets it aside as a day unlike any other throughout the year.

This feeling has been built up through centuries, and even those restless people who in the ordinary way scarcely know what to do with themselves are quite content to fall into their proper niche at Christmas.

It is to be hoped that some of them will draw the obvious moral and learn that more happiness is to be got by schooling themselves than by giving rein to their restlessness. If in the coming year they will make an effort to create their own happiness, they may suddenly wake up to the fact that they are no longer restless.—"Daily Mail."

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"SAN NAM HOI" PIRACY RECALLED.

**COURT PROCEEDINGS.**

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Major C. Willson and a Coroner's jury held an inquiry into the deaths of Mr. Hugh Conway, late Chief Officer of the s.s. "San Nam Hoi" and the two Indian ship's guards, who were killed as the result of the recent alleged piracy on board the ship in the West River delta.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. Alexander Cannon in charge of the Victoria Mortuary.

He stated that he conducted post mortem examinations on the body of Mr. Conway and on that of the two Indian guards. He found that Conway had a bullet wound in the heart, a shot which was the primary cause of death. The two Indian guards also died

of bullet wounds, and the doctor stated that from the body of one of the guards, three bullets were extracted. The three men showed no signs of disease.

**Officers' Evidence.**

Evidence of the attack on the ship and its defence by the foreign Officers was given by Captain W. H. Sparkes, and Mr. M. F. Houghton, Chief Engineer of the ship. They repeated modestly the now famous story of the fight which forced all the pirates, numbering about 30 to give up the attack and take to the water.

The inquiry was adjourned until Monday afternoon when the Coroner and jury will visit the ship, after which the proceedings will be resumed.

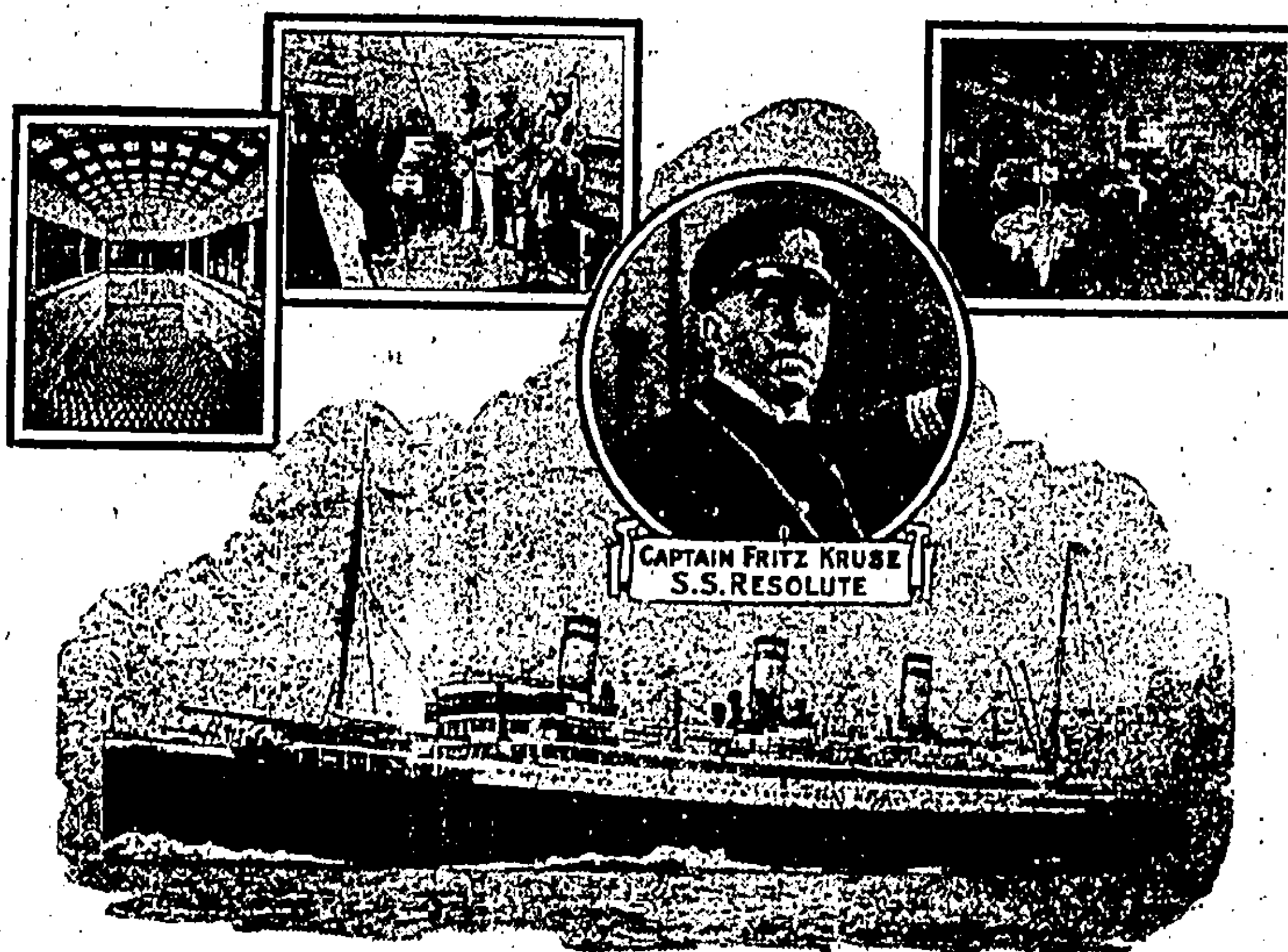
Mr. M. K. Lo, watched the inquiry in the interests of the owners of the "San Nam Hoi."

Back From Swabue. Yesterday afternoon, the hearing was continued before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, of the case in

which four Chinese are charged with having been concerned in the recent piracy on a trading junk plying between Shanmei (Swabue) and Shaukiwan. The alleged pirates, five in number, were intercepted by the police at Joss House Bay where they were alleged to be transferring the loot into a sampan to be taken ashore. One man was shot at and killed, and the other four arrested. The hearing of the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

**CATERER'S CLAIM.**

The question as to whether a ship's caterer was entitled to pay during the period in which the ship in question was laid up was raised in the course of a Summary Court case yesterday afternoon. Tang Su claimed against the Tung Yick Co., of No. 23 Connaught Road West, for \$290 wages, on behalf of himself and others engaged as the catering staff. On His Honour's instructions, the claim was limited to that of his own wages and the case revolved around whether or not the plaintiff had remained on board at the request of the defendants. His Honour gave judgment for plaintiff for \$96 and indicated that the other claims would have to be heard separately.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 9	Apr. 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 1	May 4
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 8	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 24
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 14
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MONTEVIDEO MARU ..... Friday, 10th February.  
HOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
HONOLULU MARU (Calls at Karachi) Saturday, 4th February.  
SHINGO MARU ..... Wednesday, 8th February.  
SHINOH MARU ..... Monday, 20th February.  
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
PANAMA MARU ..... Friday, 2nd March.  
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.  
KASADO MARU ..... Saturday, 25th February.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports.  
ARABIA MARU (From Shanghai) ..... Tuesday, 7th February.  
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.  
TAIKWA MARU ..... Wednesday, 1st Feb., 10 a.m.  
MENADO MARU ..... Tuesday, 14th February, 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.  
JAPAN PORTS  
CELEBES MARU ..... Sunday, 5th February.  
ALASKA MARU ..... Saturday, 11th February.  
BATAVIA MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd February.  
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
DELI MARU ..... Thursday, 9th Feb., 10 a.m.  
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CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1926 1927

Tytam ..... 18' 8" 12' 5"

Tytam Byewash ..... 25' 4" 28' 6"

Tytam Intermediate Level

Tytam Tuk ..... 12' 11" 22' 6"

Wong Nei Chung ..... 15' 2" 15' 4"

Pokfulam ..... 17' 11" 19' 3"

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow")

A denotes "Above Overflow."

Storage in millions and decimals

of gallons.

1927 1928

Tytam ..... 278.72 285.76

Tytam Byewash ..... 32 33

Tytam Intermediate ..... 195.50 195.00

Tytam Tuk ..... 1,121.75 928.98

Wong Nei Chung ..... 18.59 18.48

Pokfulam ..... 28.38 25.82

Total ..... 1,628.91 1,448.25

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of

December.

1926 1927

Consumption ..... 244.29 271.58

Estimated population 407,820 417,940

Consumption per head

per day ..... 19.3 20.0

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during December, 1928, with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an Interim-

tent Supply was given from 4th to 31st December, 1928.

Full supply in all Rides Main Districts during December, 1927, with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an Interim-

Supply was given from 1st to 31st December, 1927.

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir ..... 7' 0" 7' 4"

Shed Lai Pui Reser-

voir ..... 9' 7" 1' 1"

Reception Reservoir ..... 3' 4" 2' 3"

Storage in millions and decimals

of gallons.

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir ..... 283.50 280.42

Shed Lai Pui Reser-

voir ..... 93.40 88.37



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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong About	Destination
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb. Noon	Marseilles & London.
CHYER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELORE	8,863	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KIDDERPORE	5,334	29th Feb.	Straits & Bombay
MACDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KEHVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMA	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KANTUA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KONGOLIA	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KAGPORE	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KAGPORE	5,253	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
KAGPORE	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KAGPORE	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KAGPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
KALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
MACDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London

\* Passengers to Singapore only. Limited accommodation available for 2nd class passengers from Hong Kong to London.  
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## BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS.

TAKADA	6,949	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALAMBA	8,018	25th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	10,006	7th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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PANDA	6,956	2nd Mar.	Manila, Port Holland, Sandakan
ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Mar.	Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
KARAFURA	6,009	27th Apr.	

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## SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

KEHVA	9,135	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe
MACDONIA	11,120	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
PANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KARMA	9,128	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALAMBA	10,006	19th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
CASHMIR	5,292	26th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KANTUA	9,144	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	10,946	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NOVARA	6,989	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	9th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KALWA	10,986	16th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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\* Cargo only.

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## PASSENGER LIST.

### ARRIVALS.

Hong Kong passengers on the Hong Kong by the M.M. "General Metzinger" from Shanghai and Kobe included:—  
Mr. P. Hurth, Mr. K. Robbins, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Peters, Mr. J. Madior, Mr. H. North, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Tirol, Mr. E. Swin, the Misses J. D. and M. A. Willis, Mrs. H. Levy, Mrs. A. V. Pedorova, Miss L. E. Bruvna.

### DEPARTURES.

European passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the M.M. "General Metzinger" on Feb. 1 for Shanghai were:—Miss F. Patterson, Colonel Lawrence, Miss Fayers, Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. G. Richards, A. Kellermann, Mr. J. J. Richards.

European passengers sailed from Hong Kong by the M.M. "Angers" on Jan. 31 for Saigon, Singapore and Marseilles were:—Mrs. L. C. Clark, Mrs. J. W. Hendrick, Miss S. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Tohnie, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Q. Hall, Mrs. J. Espinac, Mr. K. C. Peters, Miss E. Plumb, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Byram, Mr. G. E. Pires, Mr. P. Duhart, Rev. Fr. Thomas, Rev. Fr. Pierrat, Mr. L. Vigouroux, Mr. L. Pechoux.

Hong Kong passengers on the Admiral Line "President Madison", sailed for Manila on Jan. 31 were:—Mr. R. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. Bayot, the Misses Bayot, Mrs. J. Ribeiro, Miss O. Ribeiro, Commodore and Mrs. Pearson, Lady Tyrwhitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cotnam, Mr. J. H. Peterson, Mr. Ang Yee-gee, Mr. Tan Sio, Mr. R. Grimm, Mr. C. Brereton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. H. Mason, Capt. and Mrs. K. J. Fisher, Mr. H. P. L. Lollye, Mr. G. M. Ivory, Capt. J. I. Yates, Mr. C. J. Nell, Lt. J. B. Cranston, Mr. C. E. Swin, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Tirol, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Royer.

Passengers sailed on the Dollar Line s.s. "President Cleveland" from Hong Kong for San Francisco via ports on January 31 included:—

Mr. P. M. Weller, Mrs. Dong Toy, Miss Dong Kwai-yun, Messrs. B. Chan, J. Salin, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. T. M. Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jagen, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, Messrs. A. F. H. Mills, Lee Tim, A. Waldeck, Mrs. I. Scott, Dr. and Mrs. J. Loben-hoff, Messrs. W. Weir, G. Assanumal, T. Wasson, A. Pessumal, Mrs. A. J. Astley, Mr. W. H. T. Davis, Miss R. Solomon, Messrs. J. E. Needham, Chun Yung-kwong, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Copo, Messrs. S. W. Wong, Messrs. J. E. Taylor, E. L. Jedd, Chan Hui, Lee Dan, Lo Chung-hing, Sin Kai-ming, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. L. Way, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Miss C. Quimbar, Mr. P. V. Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Sago, Mr. K. J. Choksy, Mr. R. Thompson, Messrs. T. Toek-kai, Wong Siu-man, B. Krivas, Lam Yu-shan, Lee Lai-ehi, Lee Sing-yue, Lee Ju-cheung, Mrs. H. O. Tong, Miss J. Tong, Messrs. Chan Kam-tai, Chun Tai-cho, Leung Kuen-cho, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ross, Messrs. Leung Lin-den, Leung Lam-den, O. Schmidt, Miss G. Tye, Mr. and Mrs. Woo Chi, Messrs. P. Paragran, Chan Fung-man, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. Ng Kar-suen, Messrs. Chow Ki-tong, Tsaw Chow, Mrs. Tung, Miss Yung, Messrs. Yeung Yan-sai, F. Carvalho, T. Noguchi, T. Takano, N. Aul, Y. Kozuka, C. I. Smith, Mrs. Kwok Shi, Mr. H. M. Ho, Miss M. S. Peters, Mrs. A. J. Sullivan, Messrs. F. Fowler, B. Puyub, F. V. Walker, J. Mayunul, Yee Kung, Wong Yin, Ho Don, Miss Liu Ding, Messrs. Chiu Fih-po, Chun Kam-choy, Miss A. Firih, Messrs. M. W. Budd, A. R. Blinks, A. V. Pettitt, H. R. Malcolm, K. A. Cumming, J. Borden, Mrs. V. F. Barnshaw, Mrs. R. Benard, V. F. Barnshaw, Mrs. M. B. Bani, M. B. Bani, Miss D. B. Bani, S. C. Carr, B. A. Cressley, J. B. Del Castillo, Mrs. T. M. Gilman, Messrs. W. Gillies, T. M. Jordan, H. F. Huerlat, Miss M. Jordan, Messrs. H. Kneuder, J. Landahl, L. A. Munsey, A. H. Meade, B. V. Meade, N. L. Miles, T. McDowell, R. F. Mordex, J. Quimbar, Mr. M. R. Peters, Messrs. R. B. Stengel, Y. Yukeda, and W. Wolf.

### QUARANTINE REMOVED.

Hong Kong's quarantine restriction imposed against arrivals from Sourabaya on account of plague have been removed.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1st February.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signer on or before the 17th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th instant, at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Agents.  
Hong Kong, 1st February, 1928.

### THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

From MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP, LONDON, STRAITS & PHILIPPINES.

#### THE Steamship "BENLED"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd February, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signer on or before the 17th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd February, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1928.

### MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The T. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on January 29 at 10 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" R/W Cruise, left Batavia on January 31 at 8 p.m., and was due at Singapore to-day at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" left Shanghai for this port on January 31 at 8.30 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kidderpore" left Singapore for this port on January 29 at 9 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 8 p.m.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 15.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benled" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 3.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Java" are advised to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 6.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Esquiline" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 7.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "General Metzinger" are advised to send in claims to the Agent before February 9.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Yangtze" are reminded to send in claims to the Agent before February 10.

### BOCCA TIGRIS.

The Harbour Master at Canton notifies officially that the enforcement of martial law at Bocca Tigris (entrance to Canton River) has been discontinued.

## CONSIGNEES.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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THE Steamship  
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All claims must be sent in to me on or before FRIDAY, the 10th instant, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,  
Agent.  
Hong Kong, 1st Feb., 1928.

### SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

#### CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

#### THE Steamship

"GENERAL METZINGER"  
BRINGING CARGO from Marseilles, &c., also cargo from Cognac ex s.s. "Tetuan."

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, the 6th February, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,  
Agent.  
Hong Kong, Jan. 31, 1928.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 4th February, 1928, at 10 a.m.

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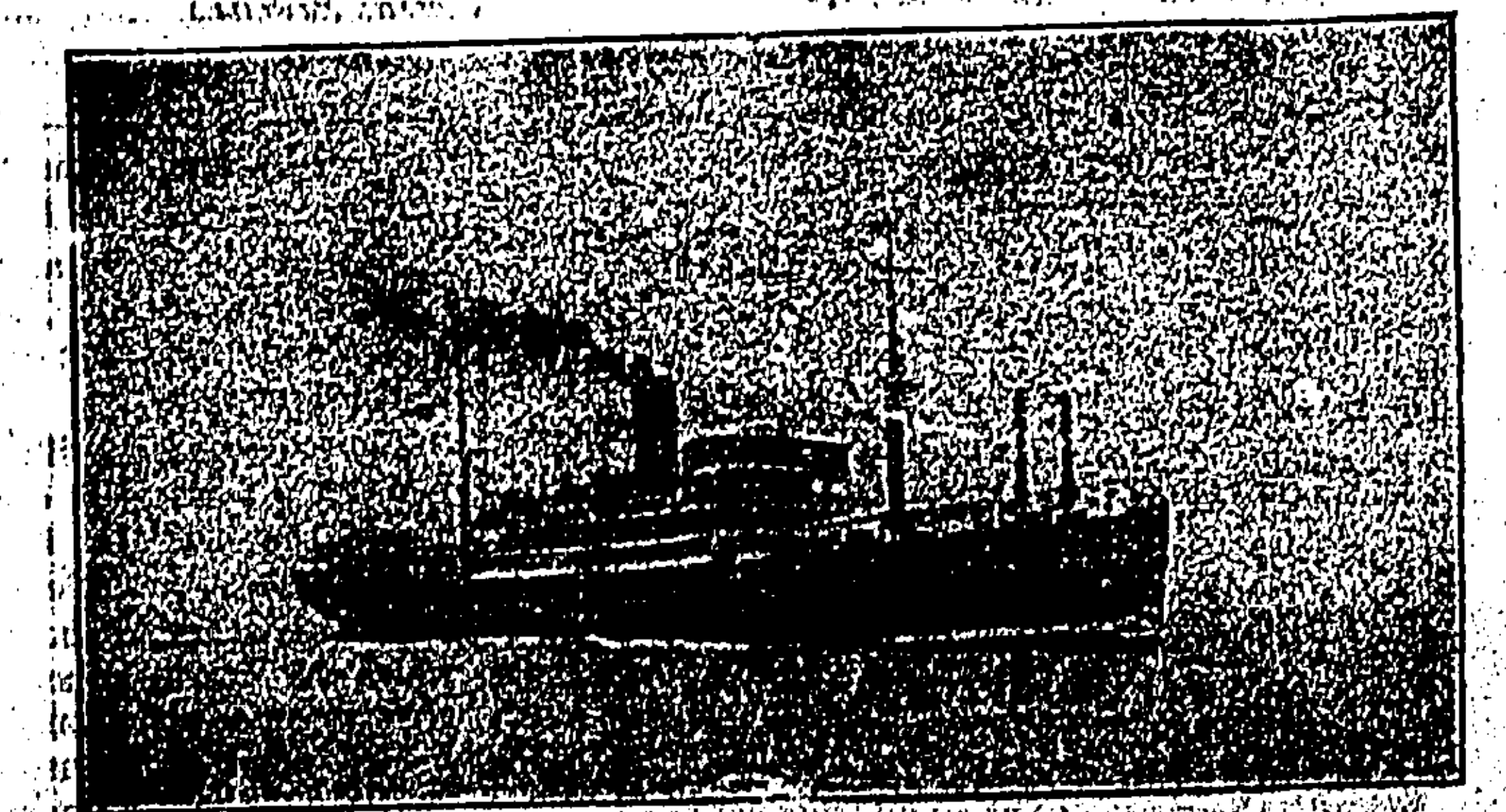
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Pres. Hayes ..... Feb. 26th 8 a.m.	Pres. Garfield ..... Apr. 8th 8 a.m.
Pres. Folk ..... Mar. 11th 6 a.m.	Pres. Harrison Apr. 22nd 6 a.m.

To MANILA	To HONG KONG
Pres. Pierce ..... Feb. 6th 6 p.m.	Pres. Taft ..... Feb. 20th 6 p.m.
Pres. Van Buren Feb. 12th 8 a.m.	Pres. Hayes ..... Feb. 26th 6 a.m.
Pres. Jackson ..... Feb. 14th 6 p.m.	Pres. McKinley Feb. 28th 6 p.m.

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### CLEAN WATER.

It was a sound idea on the part of someone or other to invite the local Press to view the working of the new system of filtration installed at the Bowen Road water works. In the same breath it may be remarked, in passing, that it is a pity that the invitation did not meet with a full response, for at these water works is given a concrete example of how money devoted to public work is utilised. Moreover, one was afforded the opportunity of witnessing how a definite proportion of the Colony's water supply is cleansed. The plant that has been erected at the Bowen Road filter bed serves with water the area that lies, roughly, between Arsenal Street and the commencement of Wing Lok Street, also Kennedy, Macdonnell and Bowen Roads, including the Military Hospital. If our place of residence happened to fall within these limits we would, after viewing the new filtration process, most confidently accept our water as it is sent to us.

The subject of the filtration of the Colony's water is one about which the average inhabitant knows little. As a rule, he cares less. It is a matter, however, to which the Water Authority must give constant attention, and by the adoption of the new plant, known as the Paterson Rapid Gravity system, a tremendous step forward has been taken. The plant, of course, is more systematic than the old-style slow sand filter bed, is fool proof in operation, occupies in proportion to its output not more than one-eighth of the space a sand filter would take, is thoroughly cleaned in a

few minutes, and can be operated by a single person.

The new plant at Bowen Road can deal with a daily load of three million gallons. The same system is being installed at the Shin Mun Valley water works and will cleanse five million gallons daily. At present, perhaps, in view of the local Government's obviously sound policy of economy, it is too much to hope that this or similar systems of filtration will be erected to serve the remainder of the Colony's water. A step, however, in the right direction has been taken, and here we have a crowning illustration of public money well spent for the benefit of the many.

### The City After 5 p.m.

How dismal is a big city without shops? Hong Kong's shopping centre has, during the cold evenings, presented a gloomy appearance shortly after closing time at five o'clock. In the prevailing weather, it is only natural that people should hurry home on finishing a day in the office, or go along to favoured forms of recreation from which to derive warmth. But the Colony's busiest streets have been particularly deserted these last few evenings. There seem to be so few about. We think that following the Christmas and New Year stream of shopping and the post-festive bargain sales, many have done with buying necessities and luxuries for some time. Not that we would deprive shopkeepers and assistants of a little relaxation greatly deserved after the feverish competition of several few weeks. Ladies are probably trying out the latest creations in anticipation of the annual Race Week but, otherwise, there appears to be no call for urgency. Hence the appearance of slack times which prompt us to ask if people buy merely because it happens to be a particular time of the year, and not because they are in need of their purchases. Hong Kong has a number of imposing and pleasant shopping premises which, when illuminated after working hours, may attract the attention of those who have not the time to spare during the day.

Owing to the pending elevation to the peerage of Lieut.-Col. the Right Hon. George Gibbs, the illness of Major Sir Harry Barniston, and Lord Stanley having been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Party, all of whom were in the Whip's Office, Mr. F. G. Penny, the Member for Kingston-upon-Thames receives advancement, and the new Whips introduced to the Office are the Marquess of Titchfield and Sir Victor Warrender.

Mr. F. G. Penny, M.P., and Mrs. Penny, and Mr. F. G. Mitchell, M.P., and Mrs. Mitchell, were amongst the guests invited by Sir Rowland and Lady Blades to meet Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught at dinner at Claridge's. The party went after dinner to a scientific gathering at the Middlesex Hospital, of which Prince Arthur is Chairman.

Now the main point is how can the Colony help the Society? The answer is by becoming members. It will surprise many to know that notwithstanding the large number of residents of what for want of a better term, I will refer to as the upper and middle classes, there are only about seventy members on our lists to-day. This is surely quite wrong; I would appeal to all to come forward and enrol. The subscription for ladies and gentlemen is but \$12 per annum, that is \$1 per month.

### RELIEF WORK.

(Continued from Page 1.)

#### Donation of \$1,000.

While the Society is deeply grateful to those who have made donations, especially to "Anonymous Britisher" for that of \$1,000, the finances of the Society cannot but call for serious consideration if all the calls on it are to be adequately met. The report sets forth in detail a few of the typical cases dealt with and it must be obvious to all that in the present difficult times in China, when residents of outlying ports, and places, must seek safety and relief in the Crown Colony, that requests for assistance from the Hong Kong Benevolent Society cannot but increase. It is a somewhat surprising fact that there appears to be in some circles in Hong Kong a curious misapprehension regarding the exact status of this charitable organisation.

#### Wrong in Conception.

It is often referred to as "The Ladies' Benevolent Society," and is thought to represent a group of ladies who are good enough to combine together to help the poor and needy, and who are a Society amongst themselves and friends. This, of course, is quite wrong in conception, and I welcome this opportunity of making it quite clear to those who have not grasped the true position that the Hong Kong Benevolent Society is the representative charitable Society of the Colony for all cases of distress other than amongst Chinese and Portuguese, the latter having the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to appeal to, and the former their own associations.

#### Few Spirited Workers.

The ladies of Hong Kong come into it in this way; that a few public spirited workers, with their hearts and energy in the right place, year by year practically take upon their shoulders the burden of the European community in caring for those upon whom fortune has not smiled, and who through sickness, misadventure, lack of work, or other causes have been obliged to seek assistance; and this let me say, except for excellent reasons, is never withheld.

I think it may truly be said that the Hong Kong community are generous. We have many charitable associations here, and each year, several what I may term "flag days" such as "Poppy Day," "Nelson Day," "M.C.L." and others. These efforts are conducted by efficient officials ably supported by willing helpers and the results obtained correctly indicate the benevolent spirit of our public.

#### Slowly, But Never Stops.

In the case of this Society, we have no "flag day," no pretty girls with smiles, coloured ribbons, armed with the inevitable box of capacious maw. In some cases the money so collected goes out of the Colony to aid most excellent causes dear to the hearts of all. Having put our money into the box, planned on the appropriate emblem (in case we are asked to pay twice), we dismiss for the next twelve months the incident from our minds.

Now the general status of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society does not lend itself to such methods, its machinery is differently designed; it runs silently and slowly, but what is all important, it never stops.

#### "Gloomy" City Hall.

I hope, if these remarks catch the eye of our residents, they will appreciate what you ladies are doing on their behalf. I say their behalf, as it is surely the paramount duty of all to look after their fellow men when in distress, especially in the Far East where there are so many temptations and pitfalls, not only for the unwary, but even those of a cautious nature.

#### Members Wanted.

This fine work is most faithfully undertaken by you ladies, inconspicuously, in a quiet, methodical and determined manner. In two set days every week in the somewhat gloomy confines of the City Hall will be found officials receiving and distributing clothing, investigating cases of distress and generally conducting the routine work of the Society, and notwithstanding the many climatic discomforts, this good work continues unrelentingly, and all honour to you for it.

At Home we would be paying Poor Rates, here we merely ask for voluntary contributions. When you think of \$1 per month, it is not much, a mere fraction of what we may win or lose at bridge; not so much as the cost of a golf ball irretrievably sliced into the rough; still that amount is sufficient to form the nucleus of a fund which will do untold good and which will bring happiness and comfort where the same would not otherwise exist.

Donations are most welcome but a steady income is even more desirable. Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, of No. 614, the Peak, our hard-working secretary, or Mrs. Shell-shear, c/o the Hong Kong University, our energetic treasurer, will be only too glad to acknowledge applications for membership.

#### Appeal to Employers.

Where a great deal of assistance can be rendered by the public is in the way of assisting the committee in the matter of obtaining employment for those (both men and women), out of work. It is a heart-breaking business for the committee to probe every possible source in this connection. There are but few large industrial concerns here which can absorb even temporarily those who are anxious to earn their own living.

I quite see the difficulty of the employer who has a staff organised exactly to suit his requirements, and again there is reluctance to take on anyone who has not proved a success elsewhere, or who may have come down in the world through their own fault, or should I perhaps say, their own weakness.

#### "Give Him Another Chance."

Let us remember, however, that one must not always be judged by the first failure; it often serves as a severe lesson and I can speak with personal knowledge of several cases in Hong Kong when men have been "down and out" and have subsequently worked their way up in the world and are now good and respected citizens. So I most earnestly ask employers when appealed to, to do their utmost and stretch a point to make an opening even if only for a short time, and by so doing live up to the very human motto, "Give him another chance."

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I desire on behalf of members to place on record the excellent work performed by the president, Mrs. Nisbet, the committee, and other executive officials of the Society.

#### Chief Executive's Task.

The report gives in detail the personnel of the committee and the positions held by various members throughout the year. It will be noted that Mrs. Alabaster has filled the post of president, and for some time past has been carrying out the arduous duties of hon. secretary. Those of us who have had experience in committee work know only too well what that means. As such you are the chief executive, you are expected to know everything, do everything, and to keep bright and smiling; these qualifications she has more than fully complied with, and I feel that we are all deeply indebted to Mrs. Alabaster for her most valuable work during a year of exceptional difficulties.

We must not forget, however, that Mrs. J. E. Hunt for some months early in the year most ably undertook the secretarial duties and is also due our hearty thanks for all her hard work.

#### Mrs. Goldsmith's Help.

Mrs. Goldsmith, our late treasurer, has temporarily left the Colony and during her term of office did not spare herself in furthering the interests of the Society and I should like to put on record our keen appreciation of her untiring assistance.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Hampden Ross for kindly auditing the accounts.

With these remarks, ladies and gentlemen, I have now to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

Mrs. Featherstone seconded and the reports and accounts were unanimously passed.

Mrs. Nisbet proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Sutherland for his presence and encouraging speech and this was passed with acclamation.

When the Chief Justice, Sir William Morrison, goes on leave in the near future the Hon. Mr. Justice P. J. Sproule, Senior Puisne Judge, Penang, will proceed to Singapore to act as Chief Justice. It is not yet known who will go to Penang, but the name of Mr. Justice Stevens, the new judge, is mentioned.

### P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Mistress: The master was very happy this morning, Jane. He started for his office whistling.

Maid: Yes, mum, it was my mistake I made his porridge of birdseed.

First Convict: Why are you here?

Second Convict: Because I lost a race.

First: Nonsense; nobody goes to prison because of that.

The Other: But the winner was a cop.

"What do you think you're playing?" said the conductor angrily to the short-sighted trombonist during a rehearsal.

"Sorry, sir. There's a fly crawling on my music and I keep playing him."

Creditor: Now that you've come into your inheritance, sir, I think you ought to pay my bill.

New-Rich: Do you suppose that just because I have money, I'm going to change my ways?

"How is the patient?"

"He died during the night, doctor."

"I feared it. The medicine I prescribed does not take full effect until after a month."

Isaacstein (seeing the diver come up): "Mein Gott! If I had only known that you could come from America on foot I would have saved my passage money."

"But, my darling, you have spoiled your doll."

"No, Mother; I have only taken out his teeth to put them in a glass of water, like dear Grand-papa."

She: "I won't be long, dear. I will be ready in a minute."

He: "Well, forthluermike, do take a minute that's not more than half an hour away."

A wealthy auto tourist lost his pedigree dog while stopping in a small town. He inserted a lost ad in the newspaper, offering a reward of \$100.

The next day he went to the office to inquire, but no one was to be found except a decrepit janitor.

"Where in thunder is the newspaper force?" asked the tourist impatiently.

"They're all out," the old man replied, "tryin' ter find yer dog."

FOUND: LADIES' hand bag, left in my car while parked. Owner can have same by identifying property and paying for this ad, or if she will make satisfactory explanation to my wife I will pay for ad.—(Adv. in American Journal).

Shem—"We have a pair of everything on board, haven't we?"

Noah—"Yes, we have."

Shem—"Well, I hope you're right. I can't find my swimming-pants anywhere."

Robert Ingersoll was famous for the library of indecent books which he possessed. One day a reporter called on Mr. Ingersoll for an interview, and among other questions, asked: "Would you mind telling me how much your library cost you, Mr. Ingersoll?"

Looking over at the shelves, he answered: "Well, my boy, these books cost me, anyhow, the governorship of Illinois, and perhaps the Presidency of the United States!"

Sam sat on the sunny side of the tree, the perspiration running down his face. "Boy, why don't you all seat y'elf on the shady side?" his friend asked him.

"That's all you know 'bout nature," replied Sam. "By and by sun's goin' to be on that side, and then Ah won't hab to move."

He was a bright little boy and his mother had taken him on a visit to friends.

"Freddy," said the hostess before supper, "do you have grace at your house?"

"Yes," replied Freddy, without hesitation, "I heard a man with a bill told dad the other day that he had thirty days' grace."

And then, amid general confusion, Freddy was hurried home.

"My poor husband was a wonderful artist," sighed the landlady, as she hacked at the pie-crust, "and always said he found inspiration in my cooking."

"A sculptor, I presume," said the gloomy boarder, surveying his bent fork.

Estate Agent: "You think, perhaps, that the climate would disagree with your wife?"

House-hunter: "It wouldn't dare!"

"What! You've cut off your most beautiful attribute—your long hair?"

"Well, I can tell you now—it wasn't mine."

Mother: "Did you give your penny to the Sunday school collection?"

Tommy: "No; I lost it."

"But this is the third week running you've lost it."

"I know, but that other kid's tuck can't last for ever."



## SPORTS

## JACK DEMPSEY.

FINISHED WITH THE RING?

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED.

New York, Yesterday.

The famous boxing promoter, Mr. Tex Rickard announces that Jack Dempsey, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, has permanently retired from the ring—leaving the American Service.

[Note: After losing his crown, on points, to Gene Tunney (the present holder), Dempsey knocked out Jack Sharkey and lost the return with Tunney, again on points. His come-back was the feature of the 1927 boxing season.]



Jack Dempsey and Mr. Tex Rickard.

## HOME F. A. CUP.

FOURTH ROUND REPLAYS DECIDED.

TWO CLUBS THROUGH.

Two more clubs have got through to the fifth round of the Home F.A. Cup and both will have the right of playing at Home on Feb. 18, one entertaining the Cup-holders.

London, Yesterday. Replays in the fourth round of the competition proper of the F.A. Cup on the ground of the first-named the match last Saturday on the ground of the last-named having ended in a draw, resulted as follows:—

## SIM SHIELD.

CLUB'S "HAT TRICK"—AND DEFEAT.

In spite of the fact that Wheeler performed the "hat trick," the Hong Kong Hockey Club was unable to hold the Army team when they met in the Sim Shield competition at Kowloon yesterday, and was defeated by the odd goal in seven.

This is the second meeting of the two teams. On the first occasion the Army had no difficulty in securing the points, winning comfortably by 4-1. Yesterday, however, they had to go all out to beat the Club who had had luck in not at least halving the points with their opponents.

The Army scorers were Lt. Burton (2), Capt. Dobbin and Capt. Howard.

Below is the league table to date:

	P.W.	L.	D.	F.A. Pts.
Royal Navy	4	3	1	17 5 6
The Army	4	3	1	12 9 6
H. K. Club	4	1	3	8 16 2
Royal Air Force	2	2	2	9 9 9

## 'VARSITY TEAM.

The following will represent the University against Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" on Friday, at the Varsity ground, at 5 p.m. sharp:—  
F. Hiptool; A. A. Rumball; G. S. Seilly; F. Y. Khoo; C. K. Ong; A. B. Sullivan; E. Zimmerman; V. Enok; A. A. Aziz; K. P. Gnn, and S. Kermani.

## 4TH TEST OVER.

SOUTH AFRICA WINS BY 4 WICKETS.

Johannesburg, Yesterday.

Needing only 98 runs for victory when the fourth day's play opened to-day in the Fourth Test match against England, South Africa brought their 2nd innings total to 156 runs for 6 wickets, thereby winning by four wickets.

Overnight, the South African score was 55 runs for 1 wicket. It will thus be seen that the 5 wickets which fell to-day realised 101 runs, although 97 were required to tie, and 98 to win. Scores:—  
England 265 runs (Tydaley 42; Sutcliffe 37; R. E. S. Wyatt 58; Bissett 4 for 48, Hall 6 for 100) and 215 runs.

South Africa 328 runs (Taylor 101, Cameron 64) and 156 runs for 6 wickets.—Reuter.

## SCHOOLS' CRICKET.

At 2 p.m., on Sunday, February 12, a cricket match will be played on the Civil Service ground, between a Combined Schools XI and a side captained by Mr. G. R. Sayer. The following will turn out for the Combined Schools:—

J. L. Young Sayo (captain); D. J. N. Anderson; W. H. Kwan; F. N. Zimmerman; R. Lee; P. K. Lee (Diocesan Boys' School); Tsui Wai-pui; A. Hunt; A. B. Saffad (Queen's College); G. Carr (Central British School); L. Gutierrez (St. Joseph's College).

Reserves.—J. Hunt (Queen's College); A. S. A. Kyum (Diocesan Boys' School); W. Ursell (Central British School).

Manchester United 1, Bury 0. Notts Forest 2, Derby 0 (after extra time).—Reuter.

Notts Forest will be at home to Cardiff City (holders in the fifth round) and Manchester United will entertain Birmingham.

London, Yesterday.

In division III (northern section) of the Football League to-day, Bradford beat Wigan by 3 goals to 1, at Wigan.—Reuter.

## SHIELD TIES.

SOCCER COMPETITION DRAW.

The first round of the Hong Kong Football Association challenge shield tournament will be played as under, in accordance with the draw made yesterday, on Saturday next, February 11:—

Senior Division.	
Chinese Athletic Club v. 2nd K.O.S.B.'s.	H.K.F.C. ground.
Club de Recreio v. Police, King's Park; Royal Artillery v. South China, Sookumpoo—all kick-off at 4.15 p.m.	
Byes: Hong Kong F.C., Scots Guards, Kowloon F.C., Royal Air Force, Queen's Regiment.	
Junior Division.	
Royal Artillery v. 2nd K.O.S.B.'s.	Sookumpoo; Chinese Athletic Club v. South China "B." H.K.F.C. ground; Scots Guards v. St. Joseph's College "B." Chatham Road; St. Joseph's College "A" v. Hong Kong F.C., St. Joseph's ground—all kick-off at 2.30 p.m.
Byes: Queen's Regiment, South China "A," Club de Recreio, Kowloon F.C.	

## SERVICE BILLIARDS.

R.A.F. Victors of R.A. Challenged.

The Cameron Road R.A.F. and the Royal Artillery met in a billiards match at the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday and the Aircrew won by 341 points.

H.M.S. "Tamar's" cueists have challenged the winners and this match will be played off on Wednesday next.

The scores in the R.A.F.-R.A. match were:—

R.A.F.	R.A.	
Leggott	144 Collins	150
Grist	124 Platt	150
Aplin	150 Humphreys	41
Plunkett	150 Conybere	79
Stirling	150 Turner	44
Bailey	150 Gardner	63
Total	868	Total 527

## FANLING HUNT.

Mr. M. Bolton is to be congratulated on compiling a record of steeplechases held by the Fanling Hunt at Kwant from inception to date.

The next meeting is on March 8, as announced this week.

Performances of ponies in the past were included, as an innovation, at the last meeting and proved useful to punters.

## 1ST EXTRA RACES.

On the Saturday following the annual Race Week, the Hong Kong Jockey Club will hold its first extra race meeting of the season. The programme, of nine events, is now out.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

PREMIER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

BECOMES A DIRECTOR.

London, Yesterday.

The following official announcement is made:—Lt.-Col. Sir Ronald Waterhouse has, with the consent of Mr. Baldwin, resigned his appointment as Principal Private Secretary to the Premier in order to be free to accept directorship on the board of the Canadian general investment Trust and associated companies.

The Premier has appointed Mr. R. F. Vansittart to succeed to the position vacated by Sir Ronald.

Sir Patrick Gower will continue to occupy the position of Joint Principal Private Secretary.

Sir Ronald Waterhouse has been Private Secretary in turn to Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and again to Mr. Baldwin during their Premierships.

In Retreat From Mons.

After distinguished army career during which he saw much active service, he retired on account of wounds. He served again at the outbreak of the Great War and took part in the retreat from Mons. He was appointed Private Secretary and Equerry to H.R.H. the Duke of York in 1921 and next year went to Downing Street.

Mr. R. F. Vansittart is a counsellor in the Foreign Office. He was Private Secretary to the late Marquess Curzon when the latter was Foreign Minister.—British Wireless Service.

## NEW GOVERNOR.

MR. JAMES McNEILL AT DUBLIN.

IRISH FREE STATE SCENES.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. James McNeill, who succeeds Mr. Timothy Healy as Governor-General of the Irish Free State, took the oath of office to-day in Dublin (in the presence of the Ministers and Judiciary, adds Reuter).

Afterwards he drove to Viceroy's Lodge. Before the Governor-General's car were mounted Free State troops with rifles, while at each side rode an officer in British uniform with a drawn sword. Though the new Governor-General was guarded by troops and the streets were patrolled and kept clear, these precautions were in striking contrast to the elaborate measures taken when Mr. Senly took office upon the founding of the Irish Free State. On that occasion Mr. Healy was, literally, almost surrounded with fixed bayonets.—British Wireless Service.

## CINEMA NOTES.

NEW FILM AT THE STAR TO-DAY.

'THE CROWN OF LIES.'

From a drab boarding house to a glittering palace abroad and back again in a rose covered cottage, this is the journey, replete with incidents of hazard, anxiety and happiness, that Pola Negri takes in "The Crown of Lies," which is coming to the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The direction is excellent, giving evidence of the subtle ideas and adroit effects for which Dimitri Buchowetzki is known. Credit is also due to Nohbi Beery, villain of "Beau Geste," who has the role of an exiled foreign nobleman who goes into the business of "selling a queen" to his country, the real queen having disappeared following a revolution. Miss Negri, of course, is the pseudo queen. She is in reality an immigrant girl who aspires to become a great actress. Because of her remarkable resemblance to the missing queen she gains a throne. Ernest Vajda, noted Hungarian playwright, wrote "The Crown of Lies" specially for Miss Negri.

## 'BEN-HUR.'

"Ben-Hur" continues to draw crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre. The celebrated chariot race is a great magnet both to old-timers who remember the race in the old stage "Ben-Hur," and to the younger folk who have read about the vastly greater filmed race run by forty-eight horses abreast in a great outdoor arena. The fine work of Ramon Novarro in the role of Ben-Hur is seconded by the superb portrayal of the Roman, Messala, by Francis X. Bushman.

Penang, Jan. 24.—A taxi was overturned yesterday evening on the Jelutong-Road and two Chinese passengers were seriously injured although the driver miraculously escaped. In another accident a Tamil telephone linesman was knocked down in the Park Road and received injuries necessitating his being sent to hospital.

A marriage was to take place early in January at Shanghai, between Lieutenant-Commander C. J. Gordon, Royal Navy (retired), of Windhouse, Mid-Yell, Shetland Isles, and Mary Dorothy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Burns, of Birch Lodge, Wimbledon.

## 35 YEARS IN GOAL.

STUDENT REVOLUTIONARIES IN SERBIA.

THE 'RAG' POLITICAL.

Belgrade.—Sentences of extreme severity have been passed on ten out of the nineteen Macedonian students on trial for subversive activity. They had been accused of being members of a Macedonian Revolutionary organisation, organised by Bulgaria, for the purpose of detaching Macedonia from the kingdom of Jugo-Slavia. The heaviest sentence was that on Dimitrie Diuzelovitch, who was affirmed by the police to be the ringleader; his total sentence amounted to thirty-five years' penal servitude.

The condemned accepted their lot with comparative calm, but there were moving scenes in the court when they took farewell of those of their company who were released.

It is difficult for readers in England to understand how university students can be involved in activities dangerous enough to warrant life sentences. It should be remembered that the university student in this part of the world is looked on as a grown man. He is conscious of being the official or professional man of to-morrow, and the first rank in the hierarchy of society. As such he will, if not satisfied with his professors, "go on strike," and feel that he is withholding from the state a vital service rather than making a fool of himself.

The most unfortunate thing is that his elders take him as seriously as he takes himself. Instead of being an overgrown schoolboy, immature, he becomes a man who, because he is young, knows better than anybody else, and because he is a student, is not mercenary in his ideals. It is but a short step, for those with ideas, to revolutionary work. Serbia, however, is at least free from the bane of some other East European countries—such as Roumania, where, in place of the "rag" of French or English undergraduates, there has just been an outrageous programme.

In Serbia there is no anti-semitism whatever, and the good relations existing between the state and its Jewish subjects can only be paralleled in England. Some days ago a Yugo-Slav Zionist Congress was opened in Subotica. The proceedings passed in perfect calm; representatives of the Government and civil and military authorities were present as honoured guests; and the chairman of the Congress announced that in Jerusalem, in recognition of the friendly attitude of Serbia to the Zionist movement, an olive grove was to be planted, and in it a memorial to King Peter of Serbia erected. Such harmony provides a pleasing contrast, both to Roumanian anti-semitic outrages and to Serbia's own troubles in Macedonia.

## OF NO COUNTRY.

DEPORTED FROM ENGLAND AND SENT BACK.

The nationality of a man with an Italian name, who claims that he has never been out of the British Empire, was discussed at Bow Street. The prisoner, Ernesto Capitolo, forty-three, hairdresser, was charged with being found in Britain after being deported on June 20.

Capitolo said he did not know where he was born, but had always considered himself British. When he got to the frontier of Italy after being deported he was refused permission to enter the country. During the war he registered himself as an Italian, "because of his name," but he served in the British Army from 1915 to 1919. He returned to Britain about a month ago because the French authorities deported him.

The Magistrate (Sir Chartres Biron): How did you get in without a passport?—I came here as a British steward on a boat.

Why did they deport you from France?—Because I had no passport and could not prove my nationality.

Then, according to your story, the Magistrate added, "you cannot live in any country—your defence is that you have no nationality."

Capitolo was committed for trial.

Mr. C. B. Whitehead, Chief Police Officer Province Wellesley, is shortly retiring from Government service after a long career.

The total output of the Kallan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended January 14 amounted to 78,980 tons and the sales during the period to 109,574 tons.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE 'MAIL.'

To-day to February 6—Queen's Theatre; "Ben Hur."  
To-day—World Theatre; "Going Up."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Crown of Lies."  
To-day—Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A. Impromptu Dance, at 7.30 p.m.

February 3—Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A. Concert and Dance, at 7.30 p.m.  
February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

February 6—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Katja the Dancer," Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

February 9—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 11—Concert and dance, Elliot Hall, H.K. University, 8 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.  
February 4—Boxing tournament under the auspices of the H.K. Boxing Association, Lee Theatre, Percival Street.

February 13, 14, 15, 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogy Competition at Fanning.

Land Sale.  
February 6—Three lots of Crown land at Prince Edward Rd., Ma Tau Wei, at P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

February 7—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.  
March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 8 p.m.

Meetings.  
February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 8—Annual meeting of Navy League (Hong Kong Branch), in board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

February 9—Annual meeting of Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

February 9—Thirty-ninth meeting of the H.K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 15—Thirteenth annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.  
To-day—Cerebral opening ceremony of new organ at St. Margaret's Church, Broadwood Rd., 6.30 p.m.

February 4—Closing entries of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, noon.

February 17—Annual dinner of St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.

February 24—Pianoforte recital by Mr. Harry Ore at "Mullomah," 2, May Road, 9.30 p.m.

## THEATRE DEAL.

REPORTED £450,000 OFFER FROM AMERICA.

A bid of £450,000 has been made by an American theatrical and cinema syndicate for the purchase of important theatrical interests in England.

The proposed deal involves the Bedford Music Hall, Camden Town; the Empire, Bristol; and the King's Hall, Dover, together with an option on a West-End theatre, and an extensive British revue business. Colonel Harry Day, M.P., to whom the offer has been made, told a representative that he is giving it his favourable consideration.

"The American syndicate is one of the largest in the States," he said. "They control theatres, shows, and films in all parts of America. Their offer is certainly a tempting one, and I expect the negotiations for the transfer will open at any moment."

## FEW WORKGIRLS.

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A curious situation has arisen through shortage of labour at the factory of Messrs. Bernheimer Gut and Co., manufacturers of ladies' wear in artificial silk, Brixton Hill. Unless fifty girls with experience as overlookers, power machinists, and lock stitchers are found within three weeks, application will be made to the Home Office for permission to import French and Swiss workers.

The new factory was opened recently by Sir Walter Greaves Lord, K.C., M.P. (Recorder of Manchester), who stated that immediate employment would be found for fifty girls. The management has advertised extensively, applied to all the local Labour exchanges, and circulated the technical schools of South London, and the result up to mail week was one applicant. The firm is turning away large orders. Workers can earn from £2 to £3 per week.

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Greyhound racing is in effect nothing more nor less than the establishment of a large gaming table.—Dr. Scott Lidgett.

It is a grave blot on our judicial system that costs should be allowed to run up to these enormous figures.—Judge Dawson Crawford.

A sum of £58,192 has been subscribed by the public for the victims of the disastrous flood at Fleetwood, Lancashire, in October.

"Populism" in our view means the pauperisation of the people by lavish misapplication of other people's money.—Mr. Gerald Hurst, M.P.

In view of the increase in the value of copper coins, Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Minister of Finance, has issued a proclamation forbidding their export.

Notification has been received of the death on November 19, at Bognor, Sussex, of the wife of Mr. J. P. Donovan, retired Commissioner of the Chinese Postal Administration.

In the exchanges of civilised life we must all give a loaf for a loaf; the Socialist idea boiled down to a phrase is "Free bread for all," which is an impossibility.—Lord Incheape.

The price of standard grade flour in the Home Counties has been reduced by 6d. to 43s. for 280 lb., with a reduction of 6d. to 1s. if delivered within the London districts.

Sir George B. Hunter celebrated his 82nd birthday by working as usual at the Wallsend-on-Tyne shipyard offices of Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., of which he is chairman.



Ben F. Wright, Insular Auditor, known as the "watchdog of the Philippine treasury," leaving the White House after calling on President Coolidge for a consultation regarding Philippine affairs.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Teresa Dunne, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dunne, of Hendon, England, and late of Shanghai, and Mr. Lewis T. Watly, Chartered Bank.

Mrs. Woodhouse, of Harrogate, celebrated her 101st birthday on Dec. 19, and, judging by her picture in the "Daily Express," looks both hale and hearty. Her grandson is Dr. Duppuy, the Bishop of Hong Kong.

Wherever I find inefficiency, extravagance, or illegalities in local government I am going to fight against them no matter whether those responsible belong to my party or any other party.—Mr. N. Chamberlain.

Lieut.-General von Sessel has died at Coburg at the age of 70. He was the commander of the German contingent of the international force, under Count von Waldersee, which was despatched to suppress the Boxer rising in 1900.

Deptford Borough Council General Purposes Committee proposes to protest to the trustees of the Crystal Palace against the proposed greyhound racing track, and recommends that the Government should be urged to make betting on dog racing illegal.

Thos. Beard, a costermonger, of Bolton-Road, North Kensington, who was fined 40s., or twenty-six days' imprisonment, at Marylebone for insulting behaviour at Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, was alleged to have pushed people off the footway who refused to buy his matches, and shouted out, "You are too mean to buy anything." The magistrate remarked that this was the limit.

Two recent interruptions of the power supply from Greenwich Station, which provides electric current for London County Council trams, have revealed the necessity for renewing the switchgear, which is unsuitable for present-day conditions. The London Highways Committee recommend the County Council to do this at a cost of £70,285, and report that the present switchgear has been in use for twenty-one years.

Dr. and Mrs. Pfister have returned to the Colony after a trip to Indo-China and Siam.

New choir stalls of unstained oak inlaid with ivory are being put in Westminster Cathedral.

The general average of intelligence among M.P.'s is higher now than it was when I first entered the House.—Viscount Ullswater.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Middlesbrough, Dr. Richard Lacey, was presented with a cheque for £1,000 to mark the diamond jubilee of his priesthood.

The warden and residents of Eliot Hall, Hong Kong University, entertain guests on the occasion of their concert and dance at Eliot Hall on Saturday, February 11, at 8 p.m.

Coming activities of St. Peter's Young Men's Club include the annual dinner on February 17, to be held at Lane Crawford's restaurant, dances and whist drives during the month and Ladies' Nights every Thursday.

Mr. G. F. Pires sailed from Hong Kong on the M.M. s.s. "Angers," bound for Lisbon via Marseilles. Other Hong Kong passengers included Mr. and Mrs. Tolmie for Saigon, and the Rev. Fathers Thomas and Pierre for Marseilles.

Colonel Lawrence left Hong Kong for Shanghai yesterday on the "General Metzinger." Other Shanghai passengers who sailed from here included Miss F. Patterson, Mr. J. J. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Girardet. Colonel Lawrence arrived the day before from Shanghai.

A motor car which was being driven by a Chinese driver suddenly went out of control near Blake Pier yesterday afternoon and plunged into the harbour. The driver was alone in the car and he managed to get ashore in safety. The car was badly damaged and was salvaged later.

There were sixty-three passengers for Hong Kong on the "Angers," when she arrived from Shanghai and Kobe, including Mr. P. Harth, Mr. E. J. Robbins, the Misses J. D. and Mrs. H. Levy. Through passengers included Mr. J. Thomson from Shanghai to Singapore, and Mr. J. Peligut from Shanghai to Colombo.

A stone statue with inscription is now under construction by the Wing Yick Constructing Co. to the order of the Hong Kong Government which it is intended to erect at the front entrance of the Botanical Gardens, facing Government House, in memory of the Chinese who died in the Great War.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. Samuel Frederick Butcher of 150 Woosung Street, Kowloon, to Miss Rose Leung Yuet-wah, of the same address; and Mr. Richard Charles Lee, student, of 74 Kennedy Road, to Miss Esther Yewpook Weg, student, of "Legunn Villa," Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

The case in which an Indian constable is charged with the theft of a goat and a kid, was concluded before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, when the accused was ordered to pay \$25 to the complainant, and \$10 as compensation for the kid which was killed and consumed by the accused and his family.

The Hong Kong Hotels motor bus service between Blake Pier and the University has been augmented as from yesterday, and now, during the busy hours of the day a 74-minute service is being maintained. The hours during which the quick service will be run are from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 12 noon to 2 p.m., and 4 to 8.30 p.m.

Judgment was reserved in the Supreme Court case yesterday concerning the death duties on the estate of the late Mrs. Isabella Bell-Irving in regard to which Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared on behalf of the Administrator. At the afternoon hearing Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by the Crown Solicitor) replied to the arguments of Mr. Jenkin.

Mr. F. Ea da Silva of Shamen was the recipient of a presentation at the Lusitan Club, Shamen, recently on the occasion of his departure from Canton. Mr. Fernandes Costa, Portuguese Consul-General, was present at the gathering. Mr. Silva was presented by the International Savings Society (of which he was Manager for South China) with a magnificent engraved silver cup.

On the grounds that in congested dwelling houses in the Chinese quarters, the present spray system of whitewashing adopted by the Sanitary Board leads to considerable inconvenience owing to the difficulty with which tenants are faced in removing their belongings during the process, certain local Chinese, among them Mr. Ho Yu, have proposed to hold a meeting at the City Hall to make a public protest against the spray system adopted by the Sanitary Board.

The marriage arranged between Percy Norman Knight and Miss Beatrice I. Blundell will take place at Penang this month.

A new country like Kenya cannot be developed without capital, which only a prospect of profit will attract.—Lord Denbigh.

I think we all agree that it is only a revival in the heavy trades that will really solve the problem of unemployment.—Mr. Harold Nelson.

Mrs. Netta Linda Massingham, aged 23, of Wrythe-Lane, Carshalton, was killed by a skidding lorry when cycling near Rose Hill, Sutton, Surrey.

It is reported in Belgrade that the Finance Committee of Parliament, yielding to pressure from all political parties, has decided to abolish income tax.

Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, will give evidence before the Home Office Committee inquiring into the law as it affects street offences.

The Government may say that it has tried economy and simply cannot do it. The answer of the country must be, "You say you cannot; we say that you must."—Viscount Grey.

The engine of a London and North-Eastern Railway train from Walthamstow to Liverpool Street, failed near Hackney Downs during the morning rush hours, causing a delay of 55 minutes.

Mr. Bernard Baron, chairman of Messrs. Carreras, Ltd., tobacco manufacturers, has given £5,000 to be distributed at the sole discretion of Mr. Frank Hodges, among miners' families in South Wales.



William Schiff, donor of the Schiffr Memorial Trophy awarded to the flier who totals the greatest number of hours in the air without accident. The cup was awarded to Lieutenant Gavin in 1927. He flew over 500 hours.

It is learned that a number of leading Shanghai Chinese merchants have made a suggestion that the Municipal Council should arm responsible Chinese in the larger shops, especially those near the borders of the Settlement.

By means of cheques stolen from the cheque-book of Miss Davies, a visitor to Llandudno, a thief has obtained more than £600. The loss was not discovered until Miss Davies was notified by the bank at Chester that she had drawn several large sums from her account.

The chapel of the former convent at Woodside, Croydon, was opened as a public library by the Mayor of Croydon. He "borrowed" the first book. The space for date of return was inscribed "To-morrow." The convent was founded in the early eighties by the Rev. Arthur Tooth.

Mr. Justice McCardie (to counsel in case in London): Ask him what "perilous" means. I believe there is a Chinese phrase which says:—"Beware of the hidden peril." If a Chinese threatens a man, he does not say "death." He says:—"I desire to tell you that are long you will sleep on the farraces of night."

Flying-Officers N. Vincent and J. S. Newall, of the Royal Air Force, who have been given leave to undertake an official propaganda flight to the Far East, were to leave Croydon on Dec. 29. The objects of the flight include the collection of meteorological and other flying data, the demonstration of the use of aircraft for business purposes, and discussion of the use of aircraft in spraying crops.

The death has occurred at Edinburgh of Captain David Landales Nelson. Captain Nelson, retired two or three years ago, from the services of the Peninsular and Oriental and British India Companies, after having had command of their biggest ships. During the war he was torpedoed, when in command of a hospital ship, and for his services in the Royal Naval Reserve he was awarded the Royal Naval Reserve decoration.

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Two incidents this week drew foreign attention once more to events in China. One is the departure of Sir John Duncan for England, the farewell to him in Shanghai being given considerable publicity all over the world. The other is the visit of Sir Miles Lampson to Shanghai, en route to the South, and the journey of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, acting Inspector-General of Customs.

Merchants in both hemispheres are interested in the problem of China's Customs tariff. Local hongs should keep their connections posted as to movements. Full reports appear in this week's "Overland."

Hong Kong has seen a partial revival in the share and property markets, following developments in Canton, where the Reds are giving trouble but the Government is still firmly in control.

This week's "Overland" describes raids on places near the Colony's frontier. The news will provide informative reading to friends at home. It is the duty of people out here to ensure full intelligence being sent regularly.

How Hong Kong Scotsmen celebrated Burns' Night, how the triangular Interport golf tournament was played here, and how the Colony's Interport golf teams fared at Shanghai are all mentioned in the "Overland China Mail."

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The time is in the early days of the British occupation in North Borneo, when the pioneer colonisers were gradually establishing their stations inland and overcoming native hostility. The Pandaran Jeludin, a son of a Malay pirate-prince, broods over his father's death at the hands of the British; and although at one time he might have become a paid chief, he is urged on by the ambition of his wife, the Dayang, who is descended from a long line of Rajahs. Matters are brought to a head by the murder of the trader Yule, who happens to be the brother of Rufus Yule, the head of police. Jeludin and his followers are besieged, in a fort they had built, by the Elopura Resident Huntley, his assistant Loder, Rufus Yule and Loder's sister Noreen, an Irish girl whose hobby is fighting and whose sudden arrival on the scene introduces new complications. The rebels are driven from the fort, and Jeludin and his allies swear allegiance. Noreen makes friends with this very attractive enemy, but Rufus Yule ruins the success of the peace overtures.

Jeludin takes to the warpath again, and destroys the station of Malan, taking Max Loder, prisoner. Attempts to communicate with Jeludin are frustrated by the Dayang, and Noreen courageously insists on arranging her brothers release, a feat which she successfully accomplishes in her own way.

The rebels take to the fort again, and cannot be dislodged. They are eventually starved out, Jeludin dying gloriously while leading a final sortie, a magnificent victim of his hopeless battle against the oncoming time of civilisation.

We read much about "the Colonial type," but there are more than one. The best is exemplified by Loder and Huntley, the worst by Rufus Yule, an impetuous fool who should never have received a Colonial appointment, and by Wyllard, a typical waster who achieved nobility only in his death.

The finest gentleman, as the lovable Noreen realised very early, was Jeludin, who respected the rules of war and the codes of chivalry, and broke his word but once, and then only when goaded by the gross insult of a European. This book should have a very wide sale, and will increase the already great reputation of its author: Mr. Rutter does what Mr. Maugham would like to be able to do—he depicts brilliantly the characters and thoughts of Europeans out East, with sympathy and clarity: in this respect the book ought to have an especial appeal to Hong Kong readers. There is too that Romance of adventure which appeals to everyone, and we can confidently recommend this book to all readers of discrimination.

K. E.

## TWO CHINAS.

"The Son of the Grand Eunuch" by Charles Pettit. (Stanley Paul & Co., Ltd.)

There are undoubtedly two Chinas—the one we live in and the one novelists write about; the former an unromantic reality with an odour indescribable, and the latter a picturesque land teeming with delicate intrigue and fragrant with incense. Mr. Pettit in his preface claims to have drawn an accurate picture of the character, customs and morals of the Court of Old Buddha of thirty years ago, and also considers his philosophy is as Chinese as his names and scenes.

Li Pi-shao was the Grand Eunuch of the Son of Heaven, and as a mark of especial favour it had been decreed that his son should succeed him. Having a charming wife, the ungrateful son was unwilling to make the necessary sacrifice. His father banished him, and Li Pi Tchow and the fair Chti set out on their travels. Their first night was ruined by—horrible dictu—fleas! On subsequent nights they were molested by human pests in the forms of a Tartar soldier chief and a Khonghouse chieftain. In each case, in order to save her husband, Chti surrendered to their embraces, although we by now begin to suspect that she was not so fragile as her husband believed, and that her sacrifices were not entirely devoid of considerable pleasure to her.

They were rescued by an itinerant monk, and taken to the Monastery of the Celestial Clouds: here Chti captivated the Grand Prior, to their mutual enjoyment, and Li Pi Tchow became a kitchen coolie. To bring much needed funds to the monastery it was decided that a public cremation was advisable, and the luckless Li Pi Tchow was chosen for the honour of thus achieving immortality.

However, to cut the story short, he escaped this fate. His younger brother having died under an operation, Li Pi Tchow was restored to his father's favour and decided that the glories of position would more than recompense him for the loss of what had become an empty pleasure. He took the most delicate and effective revenge on all who had ill-treated him: Li Pi Tchow had eaten his bay-leaves and was no longer a Golden Ass.

Mr. Pettit bred this story by "Things Chinese" out of "The Decameron." Being written only to answer, the only moral we can draw is that eunuchs should not have sons—it's all wrong, and they come to no good. True, the virtuous thrive in the end, but they do not get much fun out of it; the wicked enjoy themselves exceedingly, but come to awful fates. This is all as it should be. There is not a dull page in the book, however unreal it may be in many details: there is nothing seriously to shock susceptibilities and very much to amuse. It should certainly be read as a first-class entertainment.

K. E.

## THE PHYSICIAN AND THE SCEPTIC.

"I don't believe in patent medicines," said the sceptic.

"Just what do you mean by 'patent medicines'?" asked the physician.

"Why—er—all secret medicinal preparations," answered the sceptic, "all remedies of which the formula is never divulged. It is senseless to take medicine if you don't know what it contains."

"Of course," suggested the doctor, "you always read a physician's prescription and quite understand what is being given you."

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## SEX IN FICTION.

## OUTSPOKEN ADDRESS AT UNIVERSITY.

Mr. P. G. C. Campbell addressed the members of the English Club at Queen's University, Canada. Mr. Campbell said:

"Perhaps I am getting old-fashioned, perhaps I was born so, but I am quite sure that by the time you have heard what I have to say you will be convinced that I am. At any rate I am often old-fashioned enough, when I want to see light on some difficult problem, to go back two thousand years or more, to Greece, to see what Plato or Aristotle had to say on the subject. In them one always finds not merely a fearless disregard of popular prejudice and public opinion, but a wonderful knack of disentangling the essentials, of going to the very heart of the question."

"So, in the present case I turned up my Plato and found certain ideas which, it seems to me, are as true to-day as the day they were written with a reed pen on papyrus. And this is part of what I read: 'A young person cannot judge what is allegorical and what is literal; anything that he receives into his mind at that age is likely to become indelible and unalterable; and therefore it is most important that the tales that the young hear' and read should be models of virtuous thoughts.' And therefore, he goes on, speaking of the poet—there were no novelists then—those stories corrupt the mind by telling of the amours of the gods and goddesses, 'when we have associated him with myth, and have set a garland upon his head, we shall send him away to another city.'"

## The Formation of Character.

"You will, of course, see that Plato is looking at Literature from a political or ethical point of view; he is concerned with the formation of character, with the training of good citizens in his ideal Republic. He does not look at the aesthetic problem, does not believe in Art for art's sake, but in art only as an instrument of education."

"Now some may quarrel with his onesidedness and complain that he is narrow, but no really sane person, no one who loves his fellowmen, who is toiling for the uplift of humanity, will assert that the question of the morality of Literature, of the effect it has upon those who read it, can safely be neglected, whether it be by law giver, or professor, or the often forgotten parent."

"Looking at the literature of the past as a whole, there are these points that I would like to emphasise:—"

"(1) Rarely is this unlawful love the very heart of the story, it is not the essence of the plot."

"(2) It is not condoned; the artist does not seek to justify it."

"(3) The author does not dwell on it; attempt to get his audience to visualise it."

"(4) It is shown as a spiritual rather than a physical sin."

"Now when I turn to a large proportion of present-day fiction and that the most widely read, I feel that the whole atmosphere has changed, the point of view seems to me to be reversed."

"The love which forms the kind of book I am now speaking of is sexual, physical, fleshly; often it is not love, but lust that is portrayed."

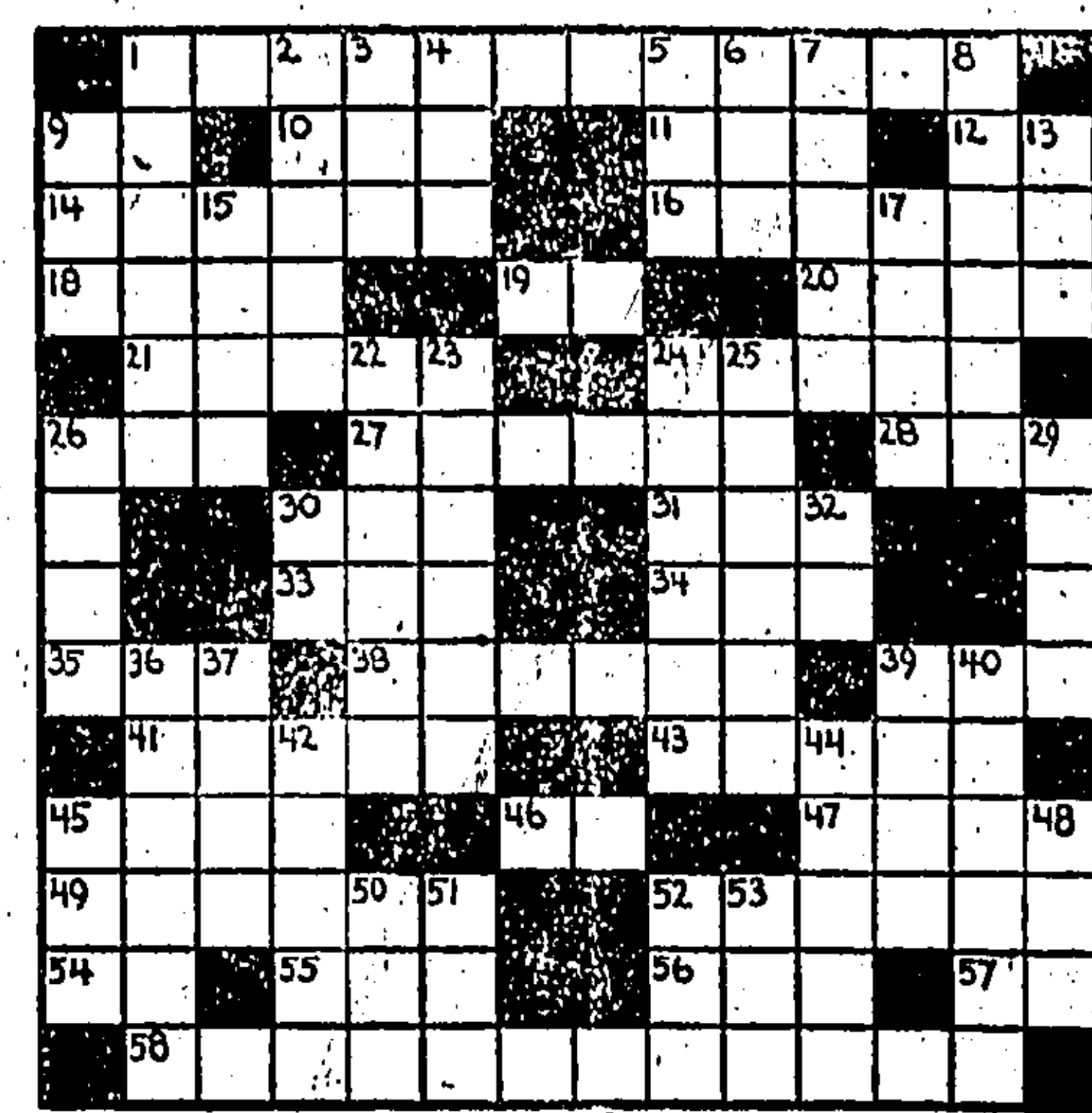
"The moral that I draw, the view of life as I see it given in this literature, is that Love is everything, transcends everything, comes first before every other consideration; love is felt dissolves every other tie, every duty, every moral obligation: the very foundation of society, the sanctity of married life, of the marriage bond is threatened. Strong words, you will say. Yes. Too sweeping. Again, yes; but what I am emphasising is that it is a fast growing tendency in English and American literature, and that it is the novels of this kind that are being more and more widely written and read to-day."

## Duty of Literature.

"It is the right, it is urged, indeed the duty of literature, and of fiction in particular, to give a complete view of human life, of all the facts, of all the motives and emotions and feelings that can be found in men and women and all the deeds, too, but these particu-

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and allho.)



## HORIZONTAL

- 1-Spirit of a sect
- 9-Progenitor
- 10-Fled
- 11-Totat
- 12-Business announce-ment (abbr.)
- 14-Nut
- 16-Abounding in stars
- 18-Noose
- 19-Move on
- 20-Taunt
- 21-Assault
- 24-Incantation
- 26-Colored liquid
- 27-Drink of the gods
- 28-Intardict
- 31-Solemn promise
- 33-Medieval shield
- 34-Climbing animal
- 35-Chance
- 36-Pid
- 38-Request
- 41-Thicket

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-Build
- 45-Highest point
- 46-At hand
- 47-Roman emperor
- 49-Meat
- 52-Incense burner
- 54-Boy's name (Shortened)
- 55-Hint
- 56-French watering place
- 67-War Department (abbr.)
- 68-Producing insensibility
- 69-Intardict
- 1-State apartment
- 2-Harvest
- 3-A color
- 4-Conjunction
- 5-Dull, stupid fellow
- 6-Fruit of a tree
- 7-Likeness
- 8-Hard limestone
- 9-Crony

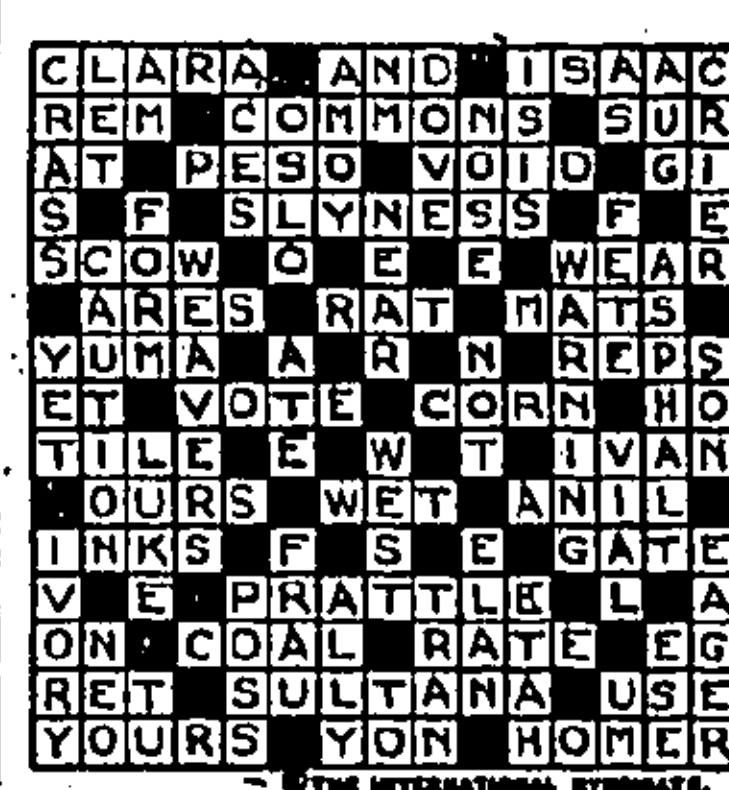
## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18-Color
- 19-Religious devotee
- 21-Small stream
- 22-Perform
- 23-Operation of office
- 24-Wild
- 25-Correct
- 26-Unit of length
- 28-Oriental wood
- 30-Have existence
- 32-Pronoun
- 35-Yield
- 37-Grandeur
- 39-High cards
- 40-Scattered
- 42-Summer fruit
- 44-Larguer
- 46-Part of verb "to be"
- 48-Ordained (abbr.)
- 50-To entreat
- 51-Territory (abbr.)
- 52-Certified public accountant (abbr.)
- 53-To corrode

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES  
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



"The French have a proverb, 'On ne peut manier le beurre qu'on ne se graise les doigts' and Shakespeare gives this truth the well-known form, 'They that touch pitch will be defiled.' That is a commonplace, but none the less true, for the physical world. Is it not true, as a rule, in the spiritual world? St. Paul tells us, 'Evil communications corrupt good manners,' or as it should read, 'character' or 'morals.' And looking at the matter perfectly honestly—and to do that you will possibly find it better to think of somebody else and not of yourself—do you really believe that your friend X. or Y. will be none the worse for reading of seductions and illegitimate children and divorces, with a multitude and wealth of detail that before this or any other audience I cannot specify. Meet that question fairly."

A Weakening of the Moral Fibre.  
 "I have noticed that people of my acquaintance of both sexes are to-day reading novels which ten years ago would justly have horrified them; and what I naturally deduce from that fact is, that their moral tone has distinctly lowered; that familiarity has produced in them not contempt, no, but a weakening of the moral fibre, a deadening of the finer impulses of the spirit. If I were to borrow the language of some modern psychologists, I would say with Freud,

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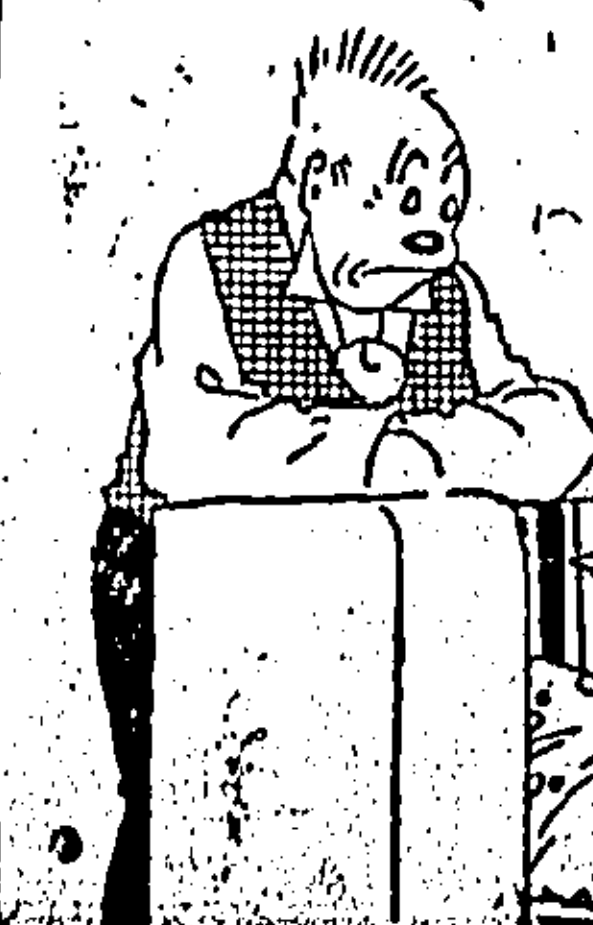
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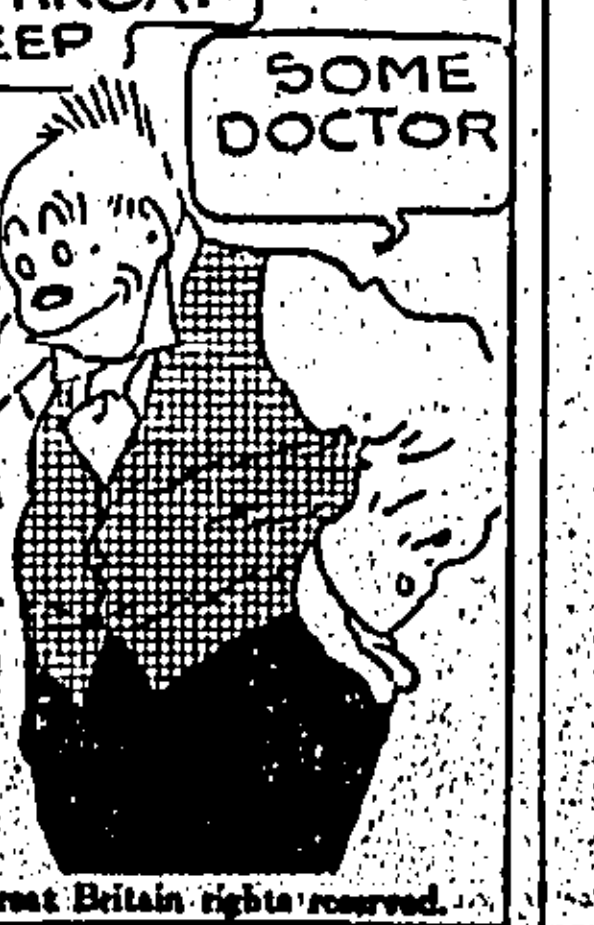
THERE'S THE BELL NOW IT MUST BE THE DOCTOR



BUT DOCTOR-I MUST STUDY MY SINGING



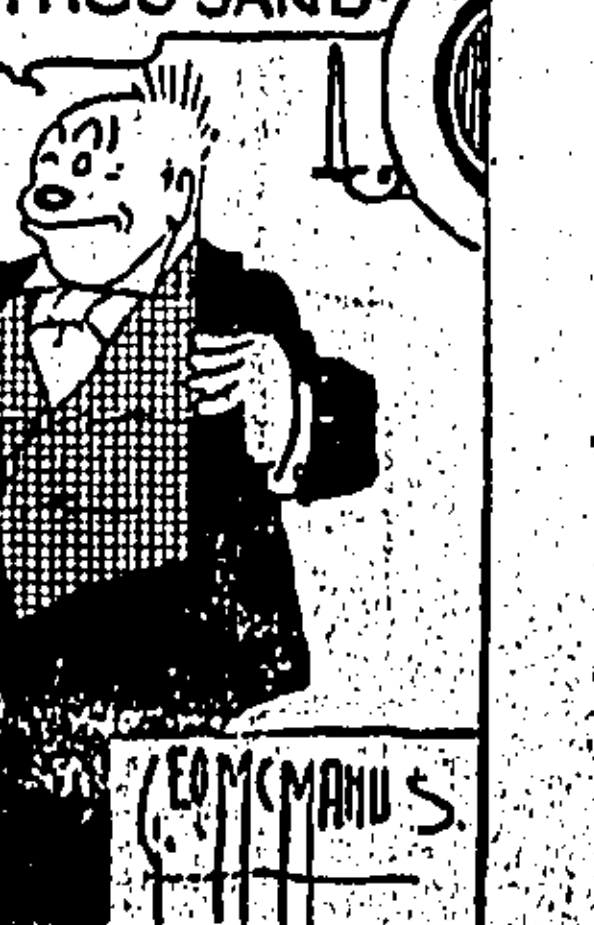
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FIFTY DOLLARS? BUT MY FEE IS ONLY TEN- MR. JIGGS



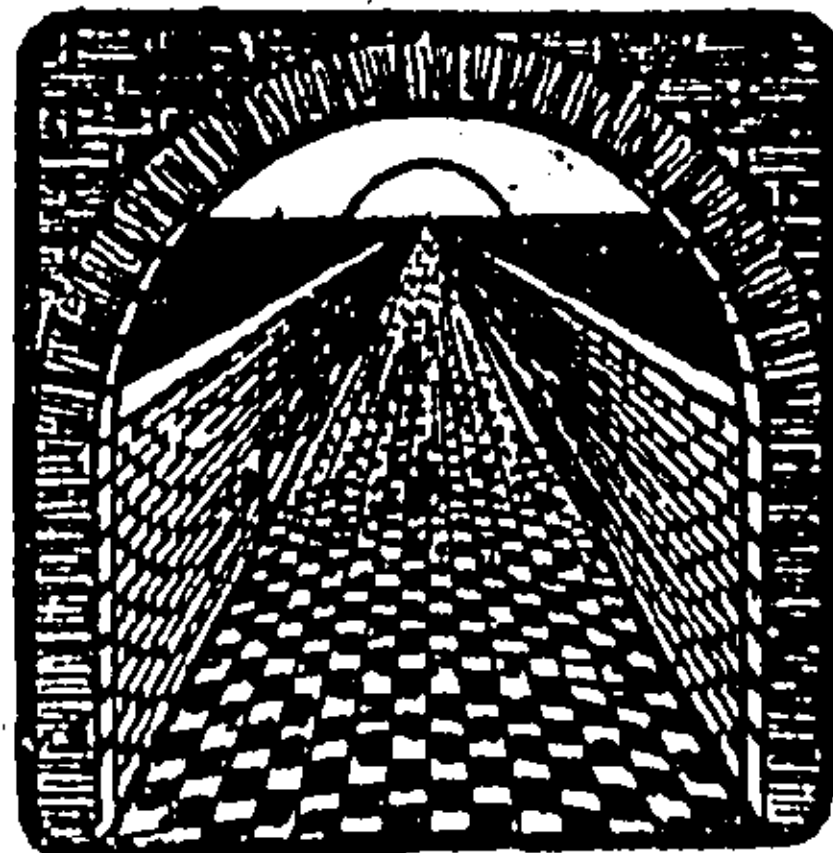
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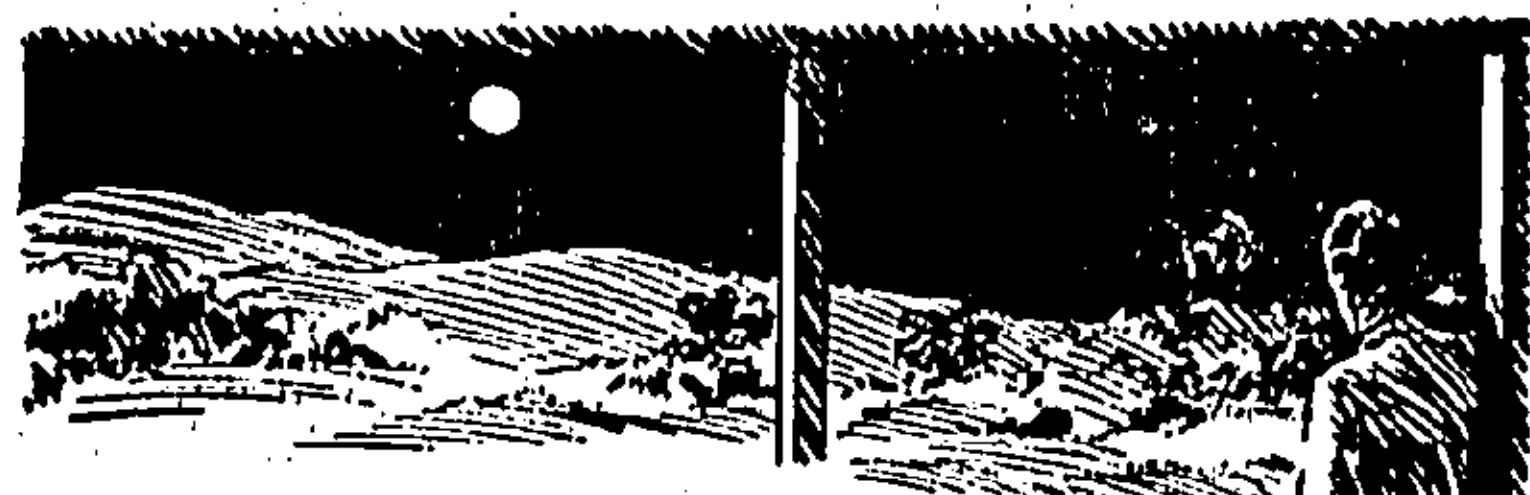


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## O'DARE GANG.

BANK ROBBERIES BY FORGED CHEQUES.

## PLANS DISCLOSED.

Although the story told at the Old Bailey by the police regarding four members of the Josephine O'Dare group of forgers who were sentenced for forging and uttering cheques was a remarkable one, only the barest facts regarding their intended coup were revealed.

When documents seized with their baggage after their arrest at Euston Station were examined the authorities found that plans had been made for what would have been one of the biggest frauds of the kind ever attempted on the financial houses of the country.

Had the gang remained at liberty they would have secured many thousands of pounds at one stroke but this money was to have been used as the foundation of what had been designed as a colossal coup.

With cleverly forged cheques several accounts had been opened. Then the members of the gang began to draw heavily on the accounts. Each time money was withdrawn the accounts were "fed" with forged cheques for still larger amounts.

If the scheme had not been stopped by the arrests many London banks before the close of business on a certain Saturday would have sustained immense losses.

For the success of its operations the gang depended on the skill of the 22-years-old forger, Luke Donegal, whom the police had previously known as Claude Davies. His cheque forgeries were placed in the Black Museum at Scotland Yard and classified as the best specimens of the kind ever obtained by the police.

## Plans For Flight.

When the property of another member of the convicted gang, John O'Connor, was searched, the police found that he had been responsible for much of the white slave traffic between Britain and France. He has been the agent in England for a Madame Jeanne, of Rouen.

The police also found that in co-operation with a Captain Benjamin Harper, whose correct name is Benjamin Ritson, O'Connor had made arrangements for all the banks passports immediately the banks coup had been carried out. Harper, an ex-officer of the Lincolnshire Regiment, has been a racing tipster and has also been engaged in the white slave traffic in London.

## SEX IN FICTION.

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I think it is, that contact with details leaves a scar on the soul.

"I suppose that the best definition of Literature is to be found in Great Literature itself; all writers are in their various ways striving to attain to that ideal which is more or less embodied in what we call the world's classics, works that have stood the test of the ages, of different civilisations, of different ideals, nay, of different languages, and generations of countless readers and critics. So I imagine the easiest way—but it is not easy—to test any particular work of literature is to set it over against the best Literature; you can thus get the right perspective."

"If then we take the giants or merely the great ones of Literature; if we examine their masterpieces, whether in drama or epic, lyric or fiction, do we find this obtrusion of the flesh; do the characters spend much of their time dwelling on the thought of unhallowed love?"

Some there are, Aristophanes and Rabelais and Shakespeare, for instance, who are at times very distinctly coarse, as we would say to-day; some of their language would sound ill in the modern drawing-room. I agree. But if it may be pardoned the paradox, it is clean coarseness, even to us of to-day whose ideas of what is seamy are not those of a few centuries ago.

"The point however I wish to emphasise is that not one of them owes anything of his fame, his enduring fame to the elements of the indecent, the immoral, the dwelling on the satisfaction of the senses. I therefore suggest that it is an aesthetic truth, explain it as you will, that this pandering of to-day to the pornographic instinct of the race is not necessary to great or real literature, is not found in it, is a bar to success, and that the writer of such things is giving us poor stuff so far as this element is concerned."

"So once more I turn back to Plato and quote you his words: 'Shall we carelessly allow our young men and our young women to hear any tales which may be devised by casual persons, and receive into their minds ideas of those which we would wish them to have? We cannot. Then the first thing will be to establish a censorship of the writers of fiction; and let the censors accept any tale of fiction which is good, and reject the bad.' (Republic, 377)."

"We in Canada have made a move in this direction; from time to time the authorities bar from the mails certain salacious magazines published in the States. We have a Board of censors in various provinces for the films, and I think that the time should come, and come soon, when there will be a censorship for all works of fiction whether published within or outside the Dominion."

"But whether that censorship is established or not, I say to you members of the English Club, that you have before you a priceless heritage of great Literature which is pure, and which does interpret life as in truth it is; that you have no need to descend from that level, even though you read for the remainder of your lives; and finally, if you would keep your souls pure, avoid all such fiction as you would the plague, for be very sure that if you read it, very few of you will escape unscathed and unscarred."

## SENATOR'S DENIAL.

INQUIRY INTO MEXICAN FUNDS ALLEGATIONS.

New York. — Four United States senators — Mr. Borah, Mr. Heflin, Mr. La Follette, Mr. Norris — were named by Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper proprietor, as the men who, it was alleged, received more than \$200,000 from Mexico by order of President Calles. At the time the allegation was made in the Hearst newspapers' expose of documents regarding the alleged improper action by President Calles; the names of the senators were deleted.

The charge was sufficient to cause the Senate to demand an investigation. Mr. Hearst, called as the first witness, told of the purchase of the alleged documents from the Mexican secret archives. He said he had been satisfied that they were genuine. Revealing the senators' names, he declared that he did not believe that they had received the money.

After Mr. Hearst's testimony Senator Borah, chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee; Senator Heflin, one of the Democratic firebrands; and Senator La Follette, who has aspired to the Radical leadership long held by his father, categorically denied the charges. Senator Norris is confined to bed and he issued his denial from there. Mr. Dudley Field Malone, who is named in the documents as having received the money, and taken it to the senators, was equally emphatic in denying the allegations.

## THE MAD MAJOR.

ECHO OF GREAT WAR FIGURE.

## GROWING RELIEF.

Was there a "mad major" during the war? If so, who was he? Most serving soldiers and many ex-soldiers know the story. He was supposed to have had a roving commission to do what he liked and to have used every arm of war in turn.

He belonged to no particular unit, and yet, at different times, he made use of scores of units. And everything he did bore the stamp of the generalship of a Napoleon, the resource of a Sherlock Holmes, the courage of a Nelson.

To-day every soldier knows the story, and an amazing percentage believes in it. And the belief is still growing.

I met at Southampton recently the last Army transport to arrive from India. The Scots Greys on board believed "the mad major" to have been originally a cavalryman. Artillerymen said he had belonged to the R.H.A. To infantrymen to-day, as when the war ended, he had been a "footslogger." Tank mechanics and Air Force men all claim him. They, like the men I met from India, tell remarkable stories of his exploits.

Most people believe that he got special permission to be a free lance of war to enable him to avenge the deaths of his sons—the number of them differs. Most believe that aeroplanes they saw flying a few feet over the German lines were piloted by him.

One man saw him bring down Richtofen. Again, on the Noyon front, he trundled a 13-pounder into No Man's Land during a morning mist and blew up six German tanks. Often he has taken out a British tank and wrought frightful havoc. With rifle and bayonet he has gone out and collected handfuls of prisoners unaided.

One of the officers just returned from India told me that the stories had become very general out there. People who saw individual acts of great bravery are more and more crediting them to him. Men who did not serve in the war believe he did such extraordinary things as driving a car along the Arras Road into the German lines.

This officer thought "the mad major" was a composite of Colonel Freyberg, Colonel Lawrence, and Air Commodore Samson. It is worth considering.

Friction does not invest any man with so many thrilling escapades. To all he and his exploits are different. No one seems to have seen him. Has he any basis in actuality?

Or is he an even more remarkable figment of the imagination than the "Russian legions" of August 1914?—Maurice Egan in the "Daily Mail."

## BRIDE'S DEATH.

A DOCTOR ON ELECTRICAL TREATMENT.

Evidence was given at Marlborough Street Police Court on the case in which Charles Jackson Palmer, fifty-nine, medical electrician, of Upper Brook Street, W., is charged with murdering Mrs. Elsie Alice Goldsmith, twenty-one, who had gone to his establishment for treatment. Mrs. Goldsmith was married early in September, and her death occurred on November 21.

Dr. Henry L. Wilson, of Gordon Square, W.C., said he first came into contact with Mrs. Goldsmith through her husband's mother. He attended her medically on October 8. "She had just returned from her honeymoon and was suffering from a chill which she had apparently contracted abroad. It was not serious, and I soon cured her."

On the evening of November 21, when he returned home, he found an entry in the telephone book and rang up Palmer's phone number. A man's voice answered and told him that the patient was dead, and that Dr. Macintosh had seen her.

A few minutes later Dr. Macintosh (who had been called in by Palmer) arrived.

Mr. Clarke (prosecuting): Did you at any time prescribe electrical treatment for Mrs. Goldsmith? — Good gracious no.

Were you conscious of anything at any time that required such treatment? — Well, electrical treatment is given for so many things now—it is almost given for nothing.

Mr. Mead: You know of nothing urgent that needed it in this case? — No.

Inspector W. Oursons said that Palmer told him "that the treatment was given by placing a pad upon the spine and passing alternate currents through the body."

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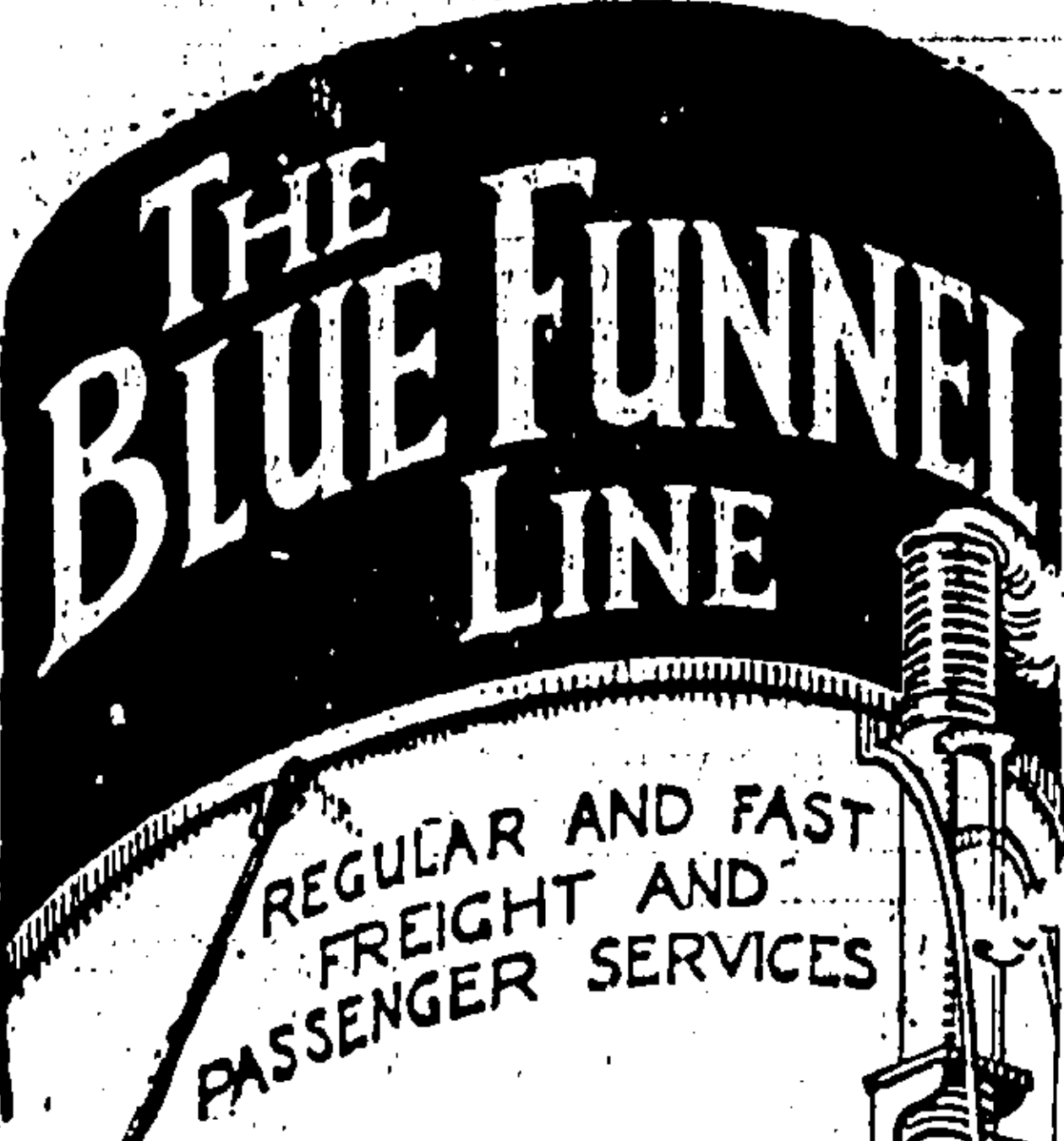
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
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## LATE EARL HAIG.

Cathedral Observances To-morrow.

## HONG KONG'S TRIBUTE.

Impressive Mourning Scenes in London.

In memory of Earl Haig a special service will be held at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow at 11 a.m.

The Bishop of Victoria will deliver the address and Chaplains of the Forces and local clergy will assist at the service.

Among those present will be H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard) and the Commodore. The majority of the seats will be allotted to the Services but it is hoped that a good many of the public will also attend.

Flags of H.M. ships in harbour, military establishments, the Hong Kong Club, the Bank premises, and other buildings were at half-mast yesterday as a mark of observance to the memory of Earl Haig.

## Ex-Services to Attend.

Members of the British Legion and the Ex-Active Servicemen's Association and all other ex-Servicemen and women are informed that seating accommodation has been allotted to them in the Cathedral for to-morrow's Memorial Service at 11 a.m.

It is proposed that all who can attend will assemble at the top of Battery Path at 10.45 a.m.

## Wreaths at Cenotaph.

Mr. A. Piercy, secretary of the British Legion, and Mr. R. J. Hunt, secretary of the Ex-Active Servicemen's Association, have asked the "China Mail" to announce that the local branch of the British Legion and the Ex-Active Servicemen's Association propose to place wreaths in memory of the late Earl Haig on the Cenotaph at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow.

## TROOPERS ON GUARD.

Scenes in St. Columbian's Church.

London, Yesterday. Thousands of men and women to-day passed by the bier of Earl Haig in the Scottish Church of Saint Columba, London.

The coffin containing the remains rested on a purple catafalque and upon it lay Lady Haig's wreath of poppies and Earl Haig's plumed helmet, baton, sword and medals.

At each corner stood a trooper of the Royal Horse Guards with sword-point resting on the chancel floor, mounting guard. Later, the Lancers replaced the Horse Guards and, later again, they gave place to the Hussars.

## A Fitting Monument.

The floor was strewn with flowers brought by mourners. Everywhere among them flamed the Flanders poppy. It is stated that Parliament, when it meets next week, will not only pass resolutions recording the sense of loss felt by the Empire, but will also be asked to vote an address to the King praying His Majesty to direct that a fitting monument be erected to Earl Haig.

## Will Never Forget.

The Belgian Embassy, on behalf of the Belgian Government, has communicated to the Foreign Secretary a message of condolence with His Majesty's Government on Earl Haig's death. The message states Belgium will never forget the eminent part played by the late Field-Marshal in the victory of the Allied armies during the Great War.—British Wireless Service.

## UNDER SUSPICION.

PROCEEDINGS PROBABLE AGAINST WOMAN.

Albany, Yesterday. Governor H. E. Smith has recommended the institution of criminal proceedings against Mrs. Florence Knapp and is seeking the State Attorney's advice in regard to civil proceedings recommended by the investigator for the recovery of part or all of the wrongfully expended money, which is stated to exceed \$107,000.—Reuter's American Service.

(Mrs. Knapp was administrator of the New York State ballot funds.)

## TRAIN DISASTER.

Report on Sevenoaks Tragedy.

## ENGINE'S "ROLLING MOVEMENT."

Company Says Wet Weather Affected Permanent Way.

London, Yesterday. The Government inspector, Sir John Pringle, reporting on the Sevenoaks train disaster, attributes the derailment to a rolling movement of the engine initiated by the condition of the road at Pringle.

Sir John adds that the heavy tank engines of the "river" class are more susceptible to a lack of foundation and irregularities of the track than the tender engines.

## "FINER LATER."

North-east winds, fresh, overcast at first, finer later, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has weakened. It is central over the lower Yangtze Valley. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

gines of the "King Arthur" type and agrees that the "river" type are well-designed and suitable for express passenger traffic on well-laid and well-maintained roads.

## Company's Report.

The Southern Railway's statement in regard to the smash says the Company has over 8,000 men employed solely on permanent way maintenance and spends over \$2,000,000 thereon.

The fact that similar engines passed over the scene of the accident for long periods previously leaves no doubt in the Company's opinion that the unprecedentedly wet weather, including storms on the day of the accident was the primary cause of the condition of the permanent way.—Reuter.

## TO OPPOSE CHIANG.

(Continued from Page 1.) in force, and that the Military Council be instructed to assist in the work of assembling various supplies.

## Woosung Forts.

2.—That the petition of the Military Council for the appointment of General Chang Tsung-chang, who, in accordance with old Chinese custom, expects presents but confines them to supplies and munitions.



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ment of General Kong Shih-tsung as Commandant of Woosung Forts to replace Commandant Hau Kong who was found guilty of violation of military discipline and has since been dismissed by the Military Council, pending punishment, be granted.—Kuo Min.

## Wuhu and Nanking.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Nationalist Finance Ministry has suspended Mr. T. A. M. Castle, Commissioner of Chinese Maritime Customs at Wuhu, for alleged "usurpation of power" in wilfully releasing salt contrary to the Ministry's orders.—Reuter.

(Note: Wuhu is on the Lower Yangtze, only 55 miles above Nanking, whence the "suspension" has emanated.)

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## MRS. DYNE'S CASE.

Stay of Execution Refused.

## PARTNER IN THE BOX.

How Official's Name Was Divulged.

In the course of the Ironmonger-Dyne proceedings, it was stated that Mrs. Dyne was a friend of Mr. J. D. Gregory's mother. She was Mr. Gregory's secretary during the War.

The defendant, Mrs. Dyne, denied that she had acted in partnership with Mr. Gregory in currency transactions, or that code telegrams were sent her through the Foreign Office when she was abroad. Her counsel, addressing the jury, described the suggestion as "abominable, scandalous and utterly baseless."

## A "Woman of Straw."

Mr. Justice Horridge, summing up, said that Messrs. Ironmonger's counsel had opened the case without referring to Mr. Gregory, while Mr. De Wael, a partner in Messrs. Ironmonger's gave evidence without referring to him. But, when cross-examined, Mr. De Wael (to show that Mrs. Dyne was so much a woman of straw that she had to take a situation at Waring's and also dispose of her beloved jewellery), said that he relied in dealing with her on her "introduction," whereupon it was elicited that she was introduced by a man with this influential position in the Foreign Office.

## Had Not a Half-penny.

His Lordship had not intended to comment on the matter, which was one for the jury.

Mr. Justice Horridge, refusing a stay of execution, pointed out that the defendant (Mrs. Dyne) had testified that she practically had not a half-penny in the world.

## Immediate Inquiry.

The Prime Minister, after consultation with the Foreign Secretary, has directed an immediate inquiry in connection with the statements affecting civil servants made in the course of the suit in which Messrs. Ironmonger and Co., bankers, Throgmorton Street, claimed \$39,000 from Mrs. Amina Marjorie Bradley Dyne in respect of losses suffered in currency transaction in Dec., 1926, and Jan. and Feb., 1927.

## The "Introduction."

Mrs. Dyne pleaded the Gaming Act, alleging that the transactions were merely gambling differences. The jury found for plaintiffs. It was stated in evidence that Mrs. Dyne was introduced to Ironmonger & Co. by Mr. J. D. Gregory, an Assistant Foreign Under-Secretary.

## "Certain Transactions."

Mrs. Dyne stated that Mr. Gregory had certain transactions with her and that she had made payments to him and also to Commander Maxes who also is employed by the Foreign Office.

The Board of Inquiry will consist of Sir Warren Fisher, Sir Malcolm Ramsay, and Mr. Maurice Gwyer.—Reuter.

## Members of the Board.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Warren Fisher is Permanent Secretary to the Treasury; Sir Malcolm Ramsay is Comptroller and Auditor-General; and Mr. L. Gwyer is Procurator-General and Solicitor to the Treasury.—British Wireless Service.

## CHANG TSO-LIN.

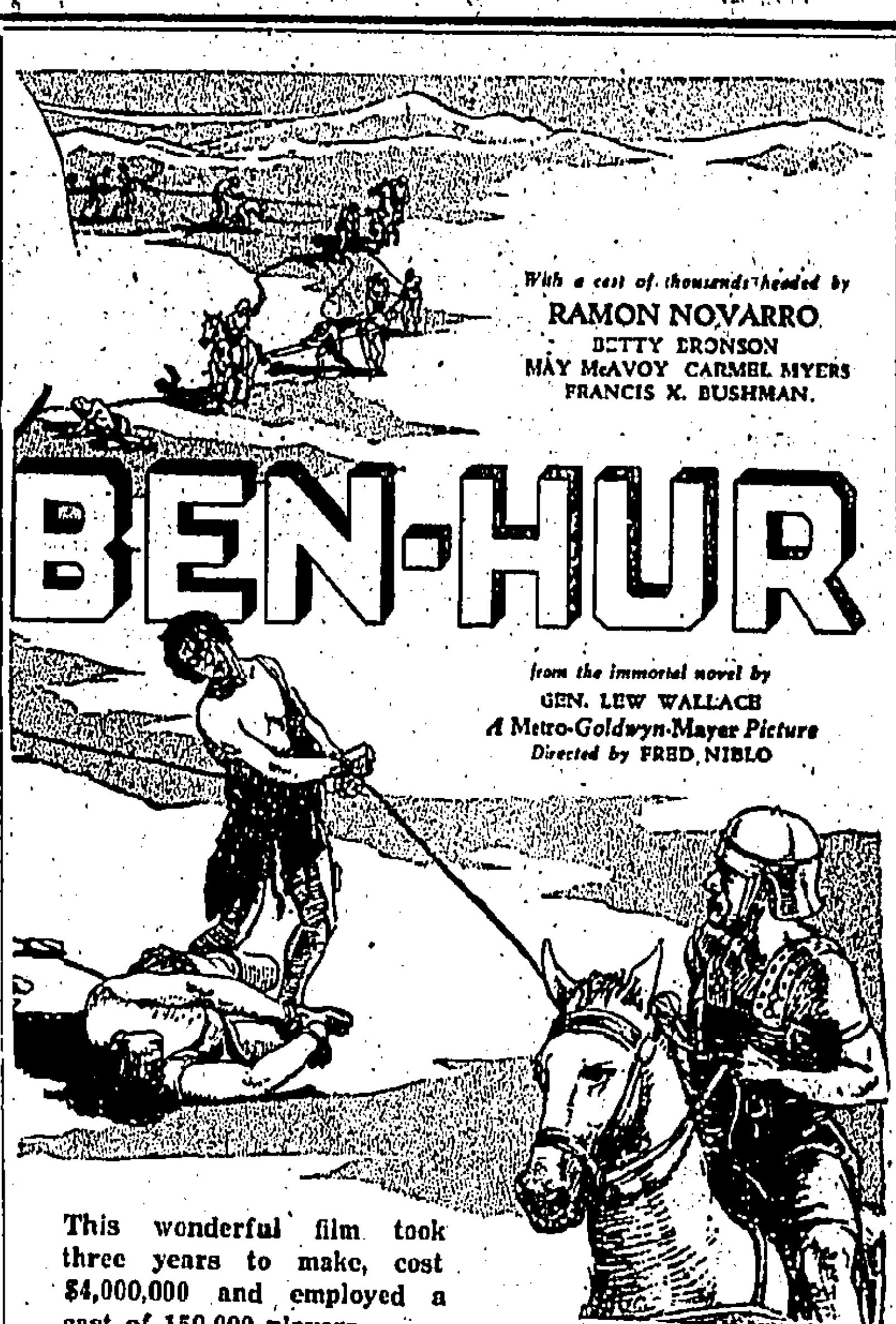
Criticised on Remarks About Japan.

Tokyo, Jan. 26.

Commenting on the report that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is alleged to have stated that the proposed appointment of Mr. F. Kuhara as Foreign Minister indicates Japan's pro-Russian attitude, and that China must give it careful consideration, the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi," in an editorial to-day, says that Chang Tso-lin's remark seems to be swayed by a dogmatism that the improvement of the Sino-Japanese relations cannot be effected on the basis of the principle of friendship between Japan and Russia.

## Atmosphere of Falshood.

After dwelling upon the meaningless of the so-called "Red" subjugation campaign, in China, the paper argues that so long as such a fundamentally mistaken idea exists in that country, the relations between Japan, China and Russia will be left in an atmosphere of falsehood.—Toho.



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